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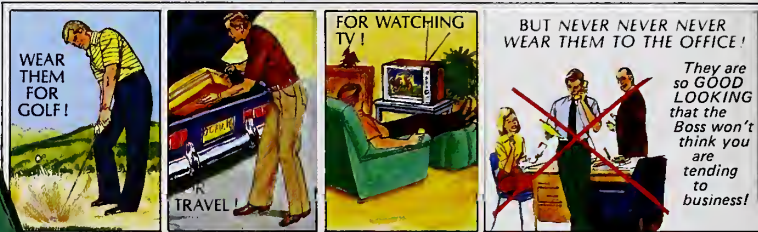
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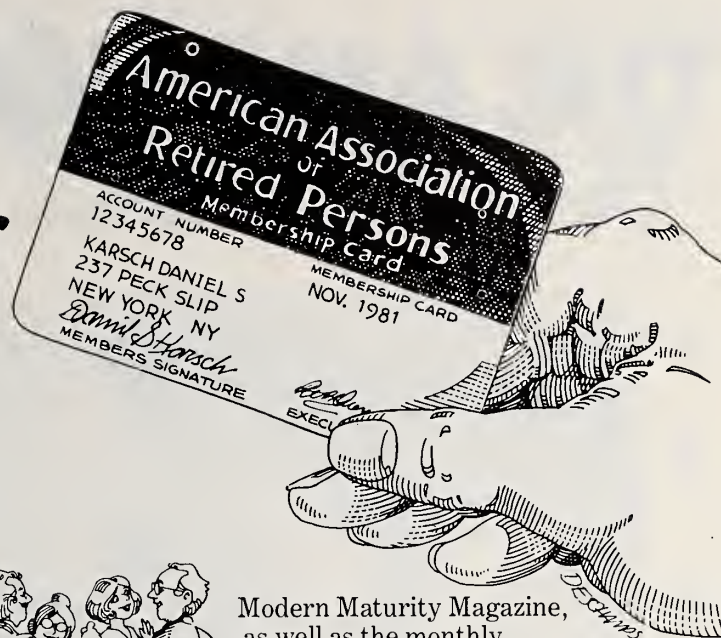


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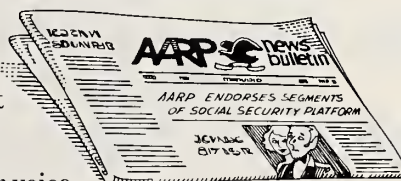
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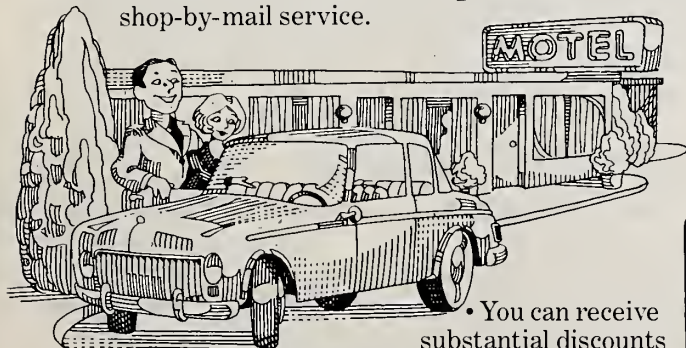
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"Baseball's Unsung Heroes" was

written by **Jack Ellison**, a WWII veteran whose active experience with umpires began when he was repeatedly called out on strikes while playing first base for New Haven (CT) State Teachers College soon after the war ended. Ellison has been writing for the St. Petersburg Times for 30 years, where he regularly covers the sports beat.

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good fortune to add several rare and valuable stamps to his own flourishing collection.

Robert C. McGiffert, a journalist and university professor, served as a lieutenant with the Americal Division during World War II. He was present at the preliminary meetings and formal surrender which he describes in his article "Surrender On Cebu."

"Whiffing And Its Wares" was staff written by **Dan Wheeler**.

Cover by **Dave Taylor**.

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• I wish to compliment you for the article "The Lady On Liberty Island" (July). We thought little more of interest could be written on the subject, but Vernon Pizer has made a remarkable contribution to the lore of "The Lady."

J. P. LINDER
Franklin, NY

• Reading "The Lady On Liberty Island" took me back to 1944 when I was stationed for two months on the island. It was a wonderful sight to look at her from the foot of my bed, as each night I would say "Good night, Grand Old Lady."

THOMAS COOK
Sacramento, CA

Clambake

• It is with a dripping chin, from overactive salivary glands, that I wish to thank Tom Hoge for "The All-American Clambake" (July), a most delightful description of one of this country's "overeating" banquets. As a transplanted Easterner, I consumed every word, with relish.

C. G. BLANDFORD
Stoughton, WI

Lilliputians

• In addition to the interesting facts presented by William Childress in "The Deadly Lilliputians" (June), it would be useful for your readers to know that those who have had generalized allergic reactions to honeybee, yellow jacket, hornet or wasp stings can be treated and future reactions prevented by immunization, using venom from the insects themselves. These new materials have been FDA approved for use in the U. S. In addition to the Ana-Kit, a new automatic injector, the Epi-Pen, is also available. However, these two items will not be helpful in treating the toxic effects of spider and scorpion venom. Also, it should be mentioned that although insect repellents may be effective in preventing attacks by biting insects, they do not prevent bees, yellow jackets, hornets or wasps from

stinging.

MARTIN D. VALENTINE, M.D.
Baltimore, MD

• In the article "The Deadly Lilliputians," it is recommended that Ana-Kits be carried by persons sensitive to insect bites. Children also should carry the kits to school. However, many teachers and playground supervisors refuse to administer the life-saving epinephrine injection. This situation can be overcome by parents signing a standard blank-form medical release and placing it with the kit.

CRAIG WILSON
Akron, OH

• As an Army medic, I disagree with author William Childress on his described method for tick removal in "The Deadly Lilliputians." Military manuals suggest they be removed by application of collodian (nail polish) so the body can be raised and the head and claws pulled free of the skin. To remove by finger, as Mr. Childress suggests, the victim would be exposed to further infection from fingers and nails.

EDWARD R. CRAFTON
Bristol, PA

Diagnosis

• Walter Froehlich's "Diagnosis At A Distance" (July) presented a good overview of the non-invasive diagnostic modalities currently available in radiology. However, in the picture of a CT scanner, the arrow indicates the position of the kidneys to be near the bony structure of the upper thigh bones. The kidneys are at a much higher level in the abdomen, not in the pelvis.

EARL E. BRANDT, M.D.
New York, NY

RDF

• Operation "Bright Star" mentioned in "Rapid Deployment Force: How Real A Deterrent?" (June), is a classic example of the desire of our military leaders for conformity in behavior, thought and dress that often limits opportunity for experimentation and innovation. The complexity and lack of range of the M-16 rifle, and the inappropriateness of the standard green camouflage uni-

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Should Congress Rescind

The National 55 M.P.H. Speed Limit?



Rep. Ronald C. Marlenee (R-MT)

Yes. Our federally imposed maximum speed limit is a prime example of needless government meddling and interference with states' rights.

The nationwide 55 mph speed limit, in basic terms, is nothing more than an ill-conceived and unwarranted decree that 55 mph is the safest and most practical speed limit for every state throughout the entire country.

I believe each state, not the federal government, should have the right to determine what is its own safest and most practical speed limit.

Since its beginnings in 1974, compliance with the 55 mph speed limit has drastically dropped. The Department of Transportation now admits that over half America's drivers routinely break the speed limit law.

Statistical evidence once used to claim the effectiveness of the limit has been disputed by the Institute of Transportation Studies, in reports to the National Science Foundation and in other independent studies.

Slower speeds do save fuel, but under that theory alone if we drove 30 mph or if we didn't drive at all we could save even more fuel. There is a point where this theory is not cost beneficial. Each state should decide at what speed limit it reaches maximum efficiency.

Other methods, methods not forced upon the individual by federal law, save more fuel than driving 55 mph. Properly inflated tires, frequent tuneups and the use of radial tires all save more energy than driving 55 mph.

Another consideration is that petroleum used for highway travel accounts for only one-quarter of our energy needs. Statistics compiled by the Department of Transportation and the American Petroleum Institute show the greatest savings through the 55 mph is only about one-half of one percent of our energy requirements.

Yet this comparably small fuel savings is costing taxpayers over \$3 billion annually in enforcement and monitoring costs by federal, state and local traffic services.

The cost is so great, in fact, that it would be less expensive to give every driver who doesn't currently use them a new set of radial tires.

But safety, of course, not cost, is the real concern. I'm convinced each state legislature can best determine what its safest speed limit should be.

I don't believe each state would, or should, choose the same speed limit. What is a safe driving speed on a flat stretch of deserted western highway may not be a safe driving speed on a crowded eastern freeway.

But that's exactly my point. Let each state decide. Let Montana set its own safe speed limit. Let New Jersey set its own safe speed limit.

It's time this unpopular, impractical and unneeded federal speed limit be abolished. Just as Prohibition, it's an ignored law; a failed government experiment.



Rep. James J. Howard (D-NJ)

No. NO! Most emphatically NO! What tragic folly it would be to repeal the one federal law that demonstrably saves human life and scarce fuel, simply because a minority of America's motorists find it "boring" to drive at a reasonable speed.

Before this law went into effect in 1974, the number of men, women and children killed in highway crashes stood at 54,000 annually.

Since its enactment, the death rate has dropped by some 4.4 percent despite a 30 percent rise in traffic, and we are saving 33.4 billion gallons of fuel annually—a saving which could double if every motorist obeyed the law.

Is it any wonder that the latest Gallup Poll shows more than 75 percent of the American people want to keep this life-saving law on the statute books?

The 55 mph speed limit is not some figure plucked out of the air by power-grabbing lawmakers in Washington. It was arrived at after long and exhaustive tests conducted at the request of the Congress by public and private researchers, including government experts, automotive manufacturers and truck fleet operators.

These tests showed conclusively that the probability of a highway crash resulting in fatality doubles as the speed increases from 45 to 60 mph and doubles again from 60 to 70 mph. And today, with an increasing number of small and more vulnerable cars on the road, the risk of high speed driving is unquestionably greater.

In the face of all these odds, and the weight of public opinion, Congress is being pressured now by the Administration and a number of western state legislators to scrap the national law and turn all enforcement over to "local option."

In an effort to circumvent the law, the Nevada legislature has gone so far as to pass a statute imposing a token fine of \$5 for speeders doing between 55 and 70 mph. This, in spite of the fact that Nevada's 1979 highway death rates—6.3 per 100 million vehicle-miles, 52 per 100,000 population and 5.6 per registered vehicle—were the highest in the nation. And Representative Marlenee's home state of Montana is not far behind with rates of 4.9, 42.2 and 3.5 percent, respectively.

Contrast that with my own state of New Jersey, where the 55 mph law is strictly enforced. Our death rates for that same year were 2.1 per 100 million miles driven, 15.6 per 100,000 population and 2.8 per registered vehicle—the lowest in the nation.

In Wyoming, which ranks second only to Nevada in the dubious competition for high-speed fatality leadership, a state senator has introduced legislation setting the speed limit at 65 mph, with the explanation that the 55 mph limit "is boring people to death."

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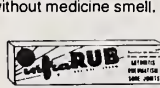
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News to Use

New Trend: "Utilitarian Education"

The trend now in public schools is to provide a "practical" or "utilitarian" education that presumably will put the kids into line with today's realities. Resultantly, many of the so-called "experiments" of the past, as well as some "classical" studies, are being soft-pedaled or even dropped entirely. So brace yourself for courses such as these:

Computer literacy: This one is sweeping the nation. The idea is to show youngsters the possibilities, workings and basic mathematics of computers so that the coming generation will be prepared for the world of tomorrow.

New vocationally oriented courses: Workshop and home economics studies are long-standing staples. But now there's a new twist: Boys being encouraged to participate in home economics (once the sole domain of girls) and girls are invited to study industrial arts (heretofore a male monopoly).

Arithmetic: The old, "regular" arithmetic—once nudged aside by the "new math"—is back on top again. Where the "new math" still is taught, it's usually in conjunction with the "regular" form.

Personal care: Health education continues to be on the upswing. Also, some schools are instituting instruction in personal finances.

Other: To get kids to read more, they are being urged to pursue subjects related to their experiences (including what they see on TV), and there's a growing stress on community, as well as global, affairs. Meantime, many schools are getting much tougher about promoting kids whose knowledge of reading and arithmetic is wobbly.

A Slightly Fatter Wallet Now?

Note these trends that will have a bearing on your pocketbook:

1. The prices of household goods, appliances and furniture likely will remain sluggish as long as the slump in new housing construction continues. In fact, sales and promotions are cropping up regularly, so keep an eye open for bargains. Exception: Microwave ovens—they're still selling like hot cakes, but the range of models is now so wide that usually you can find an item to fit your budget.

2. Food prices aren't rising as much as expected earlier. Contrary to predictions, many items are showing declines because of high farm production. The most notable instance is coffee whose supply is way ahead of demand, causing price drops that should persist at least another year.

3. If you have an older model car with a high compression engine, don't rashly trade it in because you no longer can find premium leaded gasoline (it's being phased out). John D. Fobian, director of automotive engineering for AAA, has this advice: Fill your tank with half unleaded gas and half regular leaded fuel (get the best of each available). This should give you an octane high enough to operate your vehicle properly. Experiment with the proportions until you hit the one right for your car.

Life Grows More Home Centered

Nostalgia: Memories of wartime experiences are so haunting that books and movies by the score thrive on them. Now add a new dimension: The home video market. The makers of video discs have been issuing a selection of the better-known war and war-related films and found that they immediately became top sellers. Among them: "The Longest Day," "Sands of Iwo Jima," "Victory at Sea," "Stalag 17." Prices: From about \$15 to \$25 per disc.

Self-Medication: Do-it-yourself treatment of minor ailments has grown to such proportions that some 700 over-the-counter medicines are currently on the market. If you want to know what's in them and how to use them properly, consult one of a dozen or so guidebooks available in bookstores and libraries. A new one ("PDR for Nonprescription Drugs") is published by a highly reputable medical publishing house.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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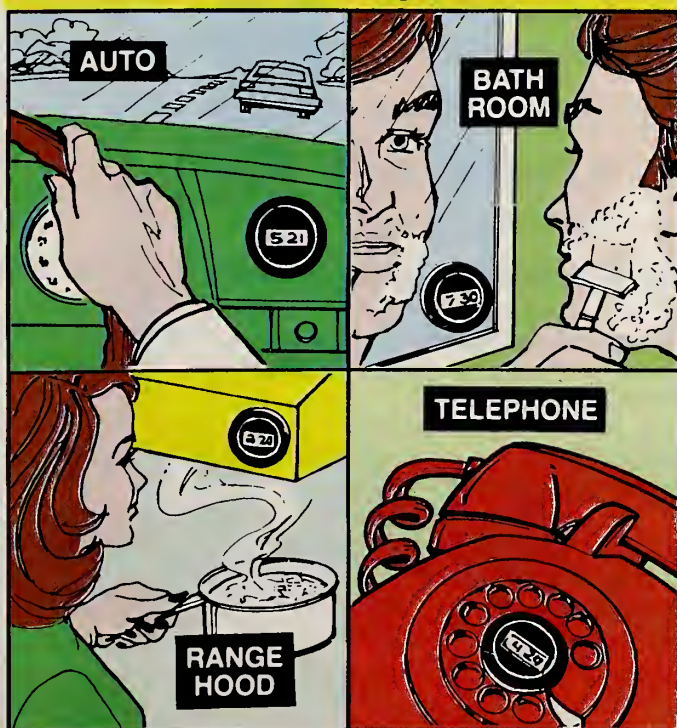
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To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autoocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



MORE PROTECTION AND BENEFITS THAN EVER BEFORE. AT 1958 RATES.



1958 This Korea-era vet joined the official American Legion Life Insurance Plan the first year it was offered—1958. He paid \$24 per unit of protection. What does a unit cost him today? \$24!



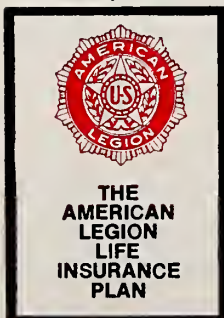
1981 This Vietnam-era vet just became an American Legion Life Insurance Plan member. What did his first unit of protection cost him? \$24! The same rate paid in 1958.

THE UNBEATABLE AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PLAN. UP TO \$12,000 FOR AS LITTLE AS \$24 PER YEAR.

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan has to be one of the biggest bargains today. 1981 protection at 1958 rates! Whether you're 29 or 69, this unbeatable plan is designed to give you maximum protection at minimum cost.

Just look at the chart on the following page. If you are 29 years of age or under you can apply for \$12,000 coverage for \$24 per year up to \$96,000 for only \$192. So now you can have the extra protection you thought you couldn't afford.

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This plan is available only to qualified members of The American Legion. It is the *only* officially approved life insurance program in all states for Legionnaires — adopted by the National Executive Committee.

WHAT ABOUT COSTS?

You select the number of units of protection you want. The cost is only \$24 per unit per year—the very same premium we charged in the beginning back in 1958. (How is that for fighting inflation?) And your American Legion coverage will never terminate as you and your family grow older provided you continue to pay the premiums and retain your Legion membership.

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There is none. We've reduced life insurance to its simplest form, eliminating and cutting costs.

Our plan is decreasing term life insurance. Pure and simple. It simply provides only death benefits—the pure protection you need. There are no cash values, dividends or other extras which must result in higher priced coverage.

Then there is the mass purchasing power of the hundreds of thou-

sands of Legionnaires taking advantage of this exclusive American Legion Insurance Plan.

The cost of collecting premiums is held to a minimum because they are paid on an annual basis, not monthly or quarterly.

And finally, the plan is available by mail only—a most efficient way to deliver quality insurance protection. Fact is, the plan has paid over \$37,000,000 in benefits to Legionnaires' beneficiaries since its official adoption in 1958.

WHO CAN GET IT?

There are only two simple requirements to qualify for our plan. First, you must be an American Legion member in good standing, under age 70. Secondly, you must be able to meet the underwriting requirements of the Insurance Company.

The plan is available to any Legionnaire who can qualify. Turn to the chart on the following page for coverages for your particular age group.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Up to \$96,000 protection, depending upon your age! 1958 rates—only \$24 per unit, per year! Fill out the application on the next page and mail with your check or money order with the appropriate premium.

SPECIAL 20% BENEFIT BONUS FOR 1981

Benefits for deaths occurring in 1981 have been increased by 20% for all ages of insured Legionnaires. At no extra charge!

EXCLUSIONS: No benefit is payable for death as a result of war or an act of war, if death occurs while serving, or within six months after termination of service, in the military, naval or air force of any country or combination of countries.

TURN PAGE TO FILL OUT APPLICATION AND MAIL TODAY! ►



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Join the ONLY Officially Approved Plan. Get up to 8 Units. 20% Benefit Bonus.

APPLY TODAY Select the number of units from the chart at right, fill out the application below and enclose your check or money order for the prorated premium indicated to provide coverage for the rest of the calendar year.

IF YOU LIVE IN FL, IL, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PR, TX, or WI send for special application. Applications and benefits vary slightly in some areas. Make check or money order payable to: The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

BENEFITS—Annual Renewable Term Insurance (Policy Form GPC-5700-374) Benefits determined by age at death and include 20% SPECIAL INCREASE for deaths occurring during 1981. Maximum coverage limited to 8 units.								
Age at Death	8 Units \$192 per yr.	7 Units \$168 per yr.	6 Units \$144 per yr.	5 Units \$120 per yr.	4 Units \$96 per yr.	3 Units \$72 per yr.	2 Units \$48 per yr.	1 Unit \$24 per yr.
Through age 29	\$96,000	\$84,000	\$72,000	\$60,000	\$48,000	\$36,000	\$24,000	\$12,000
30-34	76,800	67,200	57,600	48,000	38,400	28,800	19,200	9,600
35-44	43,200	37,800	32,400	27,000	21,600	16,200	10,800	5,400
45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	3,168	2,772	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
75*-Over	2,400	2,100	1,800	1,500	1,200	900	600	300
Prorated Premium†	\$48	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6

*No persons age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

†PRORATED PREMIUM TO SEND WITH YOUR APPLICATION. The premiums shown above are for the balance of 1981 for approved applications effective Oct. 1, 1981. Premiums for applications approved for Nov. 1 or later are proportionately less, by \$2 PER UNIT PER MONTH, and any overpayments will be refunded. Premiums accompanying non-approved applications will be refunded in full.

EFFECTIVE DATE Your insurance becomes effective on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date your application is approved by the Insurance Company. Insurance may be maintained in force by payment of premiums when due.

INCONTESTABILITY Your coverage shall be incontestable after it has been in force during your lifetime for two years from its effective date.

MAIL TO: The American Legion Life Insurance Plan
P.O. Box 5609 • Chicago, IL 60680

Plan insured by Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company.

Application Subject to Underwriter's Approval

NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential except that Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Co. may make a brief report to the Medical Information Bureau (M.I.B.), a non-profit membership organization of life insurance companies which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. Upon request by another member insurance company to which you have applied for life or health insurance, or to which a claim is submitted, the M.I.B. will supply such company with the information it may have in its files.

The Company may also release information in its file to its reinsurers and to other life insurance companies to which you may apply for life or health insurance, or to which a claim is submitted.

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ENROLLMENT CARD FOR YEARLY RENEWABLE TERM LIFE INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Full Name _____ Birth Date _____
Last First Middle Mo. Day Year

Permanent Residence _____
Street City State Zip

Name of Beneficiary _____ Relationship _____
Example: Print "Helen Louise Jones." Not "Mrs. H. L. Jones"

Membership Card No. _____ Year _____ Post No. _____ State _____

I apply for the number of units indicated: ☐

The following representations shall form a basis for the Insurance Company's approval or rejection of this enrollment: Answer all questions.

1. Present occupation? _____ Are you now actively working?
Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, give reason _____
2. Have you been confined in a hospital within the last year? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date, length of stay and cause _____
3. During the last five years, have you had heart disease, circulatory disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer, or have you had or received treatment or medication for high blood pressure or alcoholism? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give details _____

I represent that to the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers recorded on this enrollment card are true and complete. I agree that this enrollment card shall be a part of any insurance granted upon it under the policy. I authorize any physician or other person who has attended or examined me, or who may attend or examine me, to disclose or to testify to any knowledge thus acquired.

Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____
The American Legion offers this Insurance through Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company, 5981
Home Office: Los Angeles, California
GMA-300-19 12-79 (Univ.)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I have received and read the Notice of Disclosure of Information at left. Further, I authorize any physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau or other organization, institution or person having any records or knowledge of me or of my health to give Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company any such information.

A photographic copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____

☐ I apply for additional Legion Life Insurance. My present certificate number is _____





AUTO CLUBS

We rate auto clubs — and arrange for 30-day trials in one of the best, FREE*

Getting stranded in your car is no joke. For one thing, it always seems to happen at the worst possible moment, such as rush-hour

and switch to Amoco? To help you decide, you can take advantage of a special arrangement with Amoco and join their club on a trial basis

for the next 30 days free. Try it out and see if you like it. Better still, you can start some of the benefits *now*, this very instant! See Below.

Benefits	Dispatch Service or reimbursement for Emergency Road and Towing	800 Number for Emergency Road Service Nationwide	Arrest Bond	Emergency Check Cashing	Emergency Travel Reimbursement for Travel or Lodging	Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Coverage for Master Member	Some Insurance coverage for Spouse at no extra cost	Additional Travel Accident Insurance at no extra cost	Trip Routing	NOW COMPARE COST of protection for both member and spouse
 Amoco Motor Club	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	\$2,000 to \$4,000 travel accident	YES	\$10,000 Vacation	YES	\$29.95
 Chicago Motor Club (AAA)	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	\$1,000 all accidents	NO	NO	YES	\$36.00
 Montgomery Ward Auto Club	Reimbursement only	NO	YES	NO	YES	\$5,000 all accidents	NO	NO	YES	\$33.00
 Allstate Motor Club	Reimbursement only	NO	YES	YES	YES	\$2,000 to \$3,000 travel accident	YES	\$10,000 Common Carrier	YES	\$29.95†

Benefits may be limited in certain states.
All comparisons based on information received in 1980

Chicago Motor Club is one of the larger AAA Clubs with benefits which are representative of but not identical to other AAA clubs.

†\$24.95 in IN, KY and WV.

traffic... in a cloudburst... or even first thing in the morning right in your own driveway. For another thing, emergency road services are sometimes unreliable and often expensive!

And, as upsetting an experience as it can be for *you*, it can be frightening if it happens to *your wife* out there on her own.

What to do? Join an auto club! But beware: not all auto clubs give the same service, nor do they cost the same. And since there are so many to choose from, you're never sure which one is the best deal.

So we looked at some of the best known auto clubs and compared their services.

As you'll see from the chart, Emergency Road Service is only *one* of many services you get from most of the clubs. In addition, you get anything from travel and vacation insurance, to discounts on car rentals and hotels, to auto travel routing kits, magazines and car theft protection.

In our opinion, the check-rated Amoco Motor Club is the **best value** for the money. It offers a comprehensive package of services at low cost. What's more, it has some benefits we consider more useful, such as including the spouse in the club at *no extra charge* (some clubs charge \$10 to \$15 extra just for that).

Again, you don't have to pay for the tow: Amoco's Service Facilities come to your rescue, at no charge. They'll get you going again if they can on the spot, free of charge. And that includes changing a flat tire (how many of us enjoy doing that!) and bringing extra gas. They'll even pay up to \$25 for a locksmith to unlock your car if you've lost the keys.

Special Free Trial

The benefits are so good, it's not surprising to learn that Amoco is the largest single nationwide full-service club, serving over 2.9 million members. (The AAA has more members in total, but has over 150 separate franchises in their system.) What's more, Amoco has over 7,000 service facilities across America, which means help is probably only a few miles from your car.

Not sure whether you need an auto club? Or whether you should drop your present club

*How you can qualify for the 30-day free trial

The people at Amoco have kindly agreed to give every one who replies before October 31, 1981, a 30-day trial membership, free.

During those 30 days, you can enjoy many of the benefits, including the emergency road service, without paying a penny. If you decide the Club isn't worthwhile to you, then just cancel. You will have no cost, with Amoco's no-obligation, satisfaction-guaranteed refund arrangement. We'll see to that.

Of course, the Amoco people are hoping to impress you enough that you'll want to stay on as a regular member. But that's for you to decide. In the meantime, you can try it out for yourself, see what you think, and at no risk.

Use This INSTANT Membership 'Card'


With this 'card,' you're covered immediately — right now! Tear it out and keep it in your wallet. It's valuable.

• **STEP 1. Put this INSTANT Membership 'Card' in your wallet.** Subject to the conditions printed on the 'card,' you're entitled to the benefits and privileges of Amoco Motor Club membership IMMEDIATELY.

So fill in your name and address on the 'card,' tear it out, and sign it, and keep it in your wallet. It's good for emergency road service, \$300 trip guarantee, travel routing and more, *right now*. You'll receive a permanent Master Membership Card in a week or two, along with a complete membership kit.

• **STEP 2. Mail in the Membership Registration.** To qualify for the 30-day free trial, you must mail this Membership Registration no later than October 31, 1981.

Remember, this 30-day trial period is without cost or obligation. If you like the Club and want to continue, fine. But if you don't, just say 'Cancel' and that ends it right there. You have our word on that.



Interim Membership

Member # TM 2 469 7 Valid till 10-31-81

Name: _____

Address: _____

is immediately entitled to road service, \$300 trip guarantee, travel routing assistance and all other benefits and privileges of Amoco Motor Club membership in accordance with the conditions on the back of this card (Motor Club Dealers... See reverse side)

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Only the following limitations apply to this interim Membership Card.

- *Not valid until member signs accompanying Membership Registration and mails it to Amoco Motor Club, P.O. Box 28205, Raleigh, NC 27696.
- *Arrest bond and check cashing benefit not applicable on this card.

Interim Membership Road and Tow Service Instructions

- 1 You may locate a participating dealer by calling 800-447-2380 (in Illinois call 800-322-1990), or call any nearby service facility.
- 2 Pay the service vendor for your service and obtain a receipt.
- 3 When you receive your permanent member pack, write your permanent membership number on the receipt with your name, address and zip code and send to us in the envelope provided in your member pack.
- 4 You will be reimbursed promptly for your road or towing service.

Signature _____

For other interim services prior to receiving your permanent membership kit, write to Amoco Motor Club, P.O. Box 28202, Raleigh, NC 27696.

Free Trial Offer Expires October 31, 1981

MAIL TO: FREE TRIAL OFFER
AMOCO MOTOR CLUB
P.O. BOX 28205
RALEIGH, NC 27696

☐ YES, I accept your free month offer! Please enroll me in the Amoco Motor Club for one month free, to be followed by twelve months' membership at \$29.95, if I choose to continue. But if I choose to cancel my membership, I may do so within 30 days for a full refund. I will owe nothing.

Charge my membership to my VISA, Master Card, or Amoco credit card. Or find check enclosed; or bill me.

☐ VISA ☐ Master ☐ Amoco ☐ Check ☐ Enclosed ☐ Bill me

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Marital Status (Spouses are covered at no extra charge)
☐ Single ☐ Married First Name of Spouse _____
Print exactly as on Driver's License

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

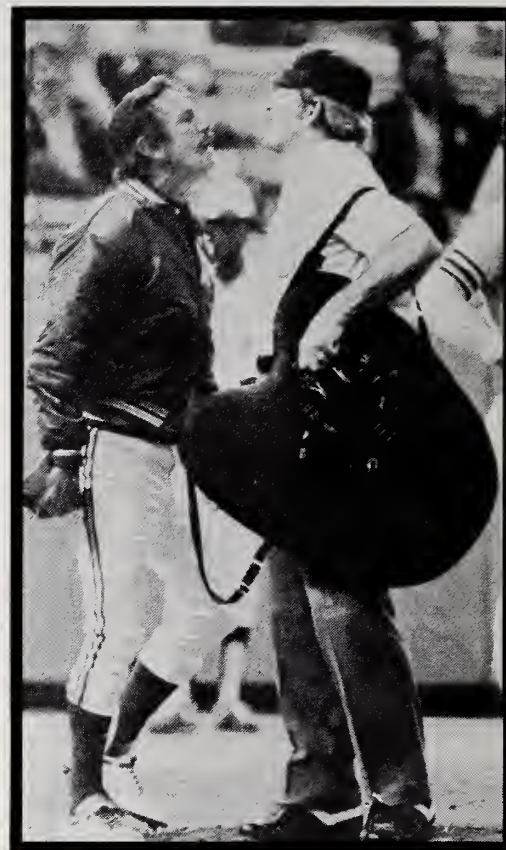
Membership is continuous on a year-to-year basis until cancelled by either party at any time upon written notice to the other. Future annual dues will be billed during the expiration month in each year. Annual membership in the Amoco Motor Club includes \$2 for one year's subscription to ADVENTURE ROAD Magazine.



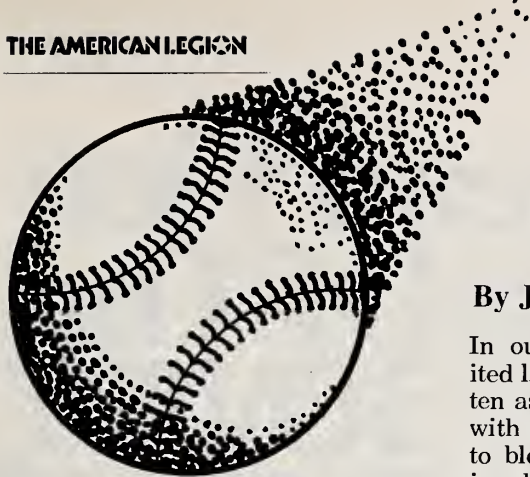
Baseball's Unsung HEROES



PHOTOS: UPI



Umpires in action: (clockwise from above) pleading to no avail, Cubs' Ivan DeJesus is still out; a prelude to suspension for Oakland A's manager Billy Martin when he tangles with umpire Terry Cooney; umpire Nick Colosi makes a safe call in a rough and tumble tag in an Astros-Giants game.



Baseball fans strike every year, but their targets are always the "men in blue"

By Jack Ellison

In our sometimes weirdly uninhibited lifestyle, baseball umpires are often associated more with "boo" than with the blue they wear. They seem to blend into a faceless background in which the various hand and arm signals with which they determine the progress of the game become less automated and more pronounced only when they go against the home team.

Partially as a result of the spitball coming to the forefront again due to the Oakland A's "Billy Ball," this season promised even more rharbbs, more castigation of umpires—on the field as well as from the stands. Though a strike-shortened season lessened the number of verbal assaults, still the sounds of violence echoed whenever and wherever umpires plied their trade.

Boooooooo! Kill the umpire and/or his various family members!

Even the San Diego Chicken gets into the act, throttling a dummy umpire while the flesh and blood umps can only laugh outwardly on the sidelines.

The boos can come from as far away as 3,000 miles. Retired National League umpire Augie Donatelli knows this well.

Scene: Oakland. Second game of 1973 World Series between A's and New York Mets. The score is tied 6-6 in the 10th with Mets' Wayne Garrett on first and Bud Harrelson on third. Felix Millan sends a fly to leftfielder Joe Rudi, who fires a throw to the left of the plate. Catcher Ray Fosse grabs it and stabs at Harrelson with his glove.

Then the fans and television see Donatelli falling forward in a Mack Sennett-like pratfall as he makes an out sign. Mets fans roar: "How could he see it if he was falling!"

Donatelli laughs as he demonstrates the pratfall in his St. Petersburg condominium: "My leg slipped but I saw the tag. In fact, Fosse said to me: 'I had him,' and I replied: 'Yeah, but that was a sissy tag.'"

Donatelli tells it like it is, and Fosse, he says, agrees. Anyway, the boos erupting from New York stopped in the 12th inning when the Mets finally won 10-7.

Point: Umpires are human, fans. And, as you see, they also have a

sense of humor.

Considering that they are on the history-making pressure spot more than most people, obviously they must retain that sense of humor or wind up in a paddy wagon.

Donatelli's career supplies another example of this.

It comes under the heading of the Great Drysdale Strip.

Scene: Los Angeles, June 8, 1968. Dodger ace Don Drysdale enters the game with the Philadelphia Phils holding a National League record of 54 straight scoreless innings. Next plateau: The 55-year-old major league record of 56 innings established by the great Walter Johnson.

Plate umpire: Augie Donatelli.

"You ask if we had the same problems in those days as now—spitballs, greaseballs, cut balls, etc., being thrown by pitchers," says Donatelli. "Yes, we did. I knew about Drysdale's greaseball but I'm not going to strip him when he's going for a record. It's just too late to stop it. Six other umpires hadn't (reference to plate umpires in Drysdale's previous six-straight shutouts).

"But after he broke the record by blanking the Phils through the first four innings, I say to him: 'Don, you're throwing the grease ball.' He says: 'Aw, Augie, you know I don't.' I say: 'That vaseline has the darnedest odor I've ever smelled!' At that point, I just had the urge all of a sudden and I jump up (Donatelli is about 5' 10", Drysdale 6' 6"), yank off his hat and grab a handful of hair. The people are booing. I say: 'Now you want me to show it (the grease)?' He says: 'All right, all right, what do you want me to do?' I say, 'Don't go any higher than your shoulder with your hand.' He says, 'I won't.'

"The next inning the Phils finally got a run and later added two more," Donatelli laughs.

Possibly one might wonder why obviously level-headed, sane people voluntarily make themselves the object of disaffection, as do umpires. There are many reasons, but a most significant characteristic is the lengths they sometimes go to become one. The "lengths" were heights in one case.

American League umpire Richie Garcia in years past at 5' 8½" would have been too small by major

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The European View Of The SOVIET THREAT

Feeling the weight
of Soviet power,
Europe searches for a
united response

By Brian Crozier

In Western Europe, the Soviet threat is considered genuine—as it is in North America. There, however, countering it is literally a question of survival and the time in which to do so is considered short. Additionally, Western Europe cannot successfully face the Soviet Union alone.

Without the United States, Western Europe would be starkly at the mercy of the Soviet giant, despite the nuclear deterrents in the hands of the British and French. Indeed, American citizens cannot derive much comfort from this European dependence on the United States. For if Western Europe were “Finlandized”—that is, reduced to the status of Russia’s small and gallant neighbor Finland, running its own affairs internally but unable to do anything in foreign affairs without Moscow’s consent—then it would not be long before the U.S., too, felt the weight of Soviet power, even if no missiles were unleashed against American targets.

How, then, do the European allies of the U.S. deal with the Soviet threat? There are, roughly, three possible responses to a threat of this obvious magnitude: yield to it, appease it, or stand up to it.

The quickest way of answering my own question is to say that, broadly



speaking, the West European governments do acknowledge the threat posed by the Soviet Union and they do want to stand up to it; however, a serious obstacle is encountered in that the governments are increasingly bound to take into account the more timid politicians and citizen pressure groups. They are the voices heard around the world as advocates of appeasement, unilateral disarmament and Soviet support.

The Western European view of the Soviet threat, however, is a complex one despite considerable support for America's goals. There are nuances that must be considered. For example, in any question concerning the Western alliance, one must consider France apart from the rest. In 1969, General de Gaulle, for nationalist reasons of his own, led France out of NATO's integrated military structure, although France remained a member of the alliance. Thus, de Gaulle gave President Kennedy unquestioning support at the time of the Cuban missile crisis in October 1962, yet he shunned joint military exercises with other members of NATO.

Now, however, France's attitude toward the Soviet threat must be in doubt because of the outcome of the recent French Presidential elections wherein the French people voted into power the Socialist leader M. François Mitterrand. Out went President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, a former favorite of de Gaulle, who had previously defeated Mitterrand in 1974.

As soon as he was elected, Mitterrand dissolved parliament and called fresh general elections, which his party won sweepingly, with an absolute majority. Many people hoped he would therefore dispense with his controversial semi-allies, the Communists, and leave them out of his government. But this was wishful thinking. The Communists had made the Socialist victory possible by standing down in constituencies in which the Socialist candidate stood a better chance of winning than the Communist. After the poll, they claimed the price for their support, even though they had polled only 15 percent or so of the total vote.

So the Communists were given four government posts, two of them of great importance. The Minister of

Transportation, Charles Fiterman, for instance, has control over the whole of the country's air and surface communications. He is particularly close to the Soviet Communist Party. Moreover, as a Minister of State he outranks the new (and anti-Communist) Foreign Minister, Claude Cheysson. Another Communist, Anicet Le Pors, as Minister for the Public Service, in effect has control over France's entire bureaucracy.

"The Alliance is currently going through the worst crisis in its history."

Understandably, these appointments aroused concern in Washington, if only on security grounds. Vice President Bush, on a State visit in Paris, expressed his concern to President Mitterrand on June 24; and the State Department issued a strong communiqué on the same lines that evening. It should be remembered, of course, that although the French Communist Party has had to declare its loyalty and support for the government, now that the party is in that government, it remains (with the Portuguese party) the most Moscow-aligned Communist Party in Western Europe.

As if to reassure France's allies, however, both the President and Foreign Minister Cheysson have since publicly and repeatedly declared their total opposition to the deployment by the Soviet Union of the formidable SS-20 missiles (see below), and unconditional support for the acceptance by the European members of NATO of the new generation of American nuclear weapons. Both men declared themselves in favor of arms reduction talks with the Soviets, but only from a position of strength. This stance, which closely matches that of the U.S. Administration, must be welcomed, and strengthens the hand of Chancellor Schmidt of Germany (see below).

Against this, the new French government seems set on a collision course with America in El Salvador

and elsewhere in Central America; and likewise over policy towards Southern Africa. The President's wife, Danielle Mitterrand, for instance, heads a left-wing committee dedicated to helping the Cuban-backed insurgents in El Salvador. As for South Africa, the French government is outspokenly hostile to South Africa and backs the UN position on Namibia (formerly South-West Africa and under South African protection). The Administration's stance is markedly different in both these areas. Problems are bound to arise.

The inescapable conclusion is this: French politics will play a major role in determining the degree of French support for American policies aimed at the Soviet Union and, for the time being, there may be rough sledding ahead.

The other West European allies, unlike France, are "integrated" NATO members; here again, though, the play of domestic politics is inescapable. As regards these integrated allies, there are two issues at stake—one major, and the other relatively minor.

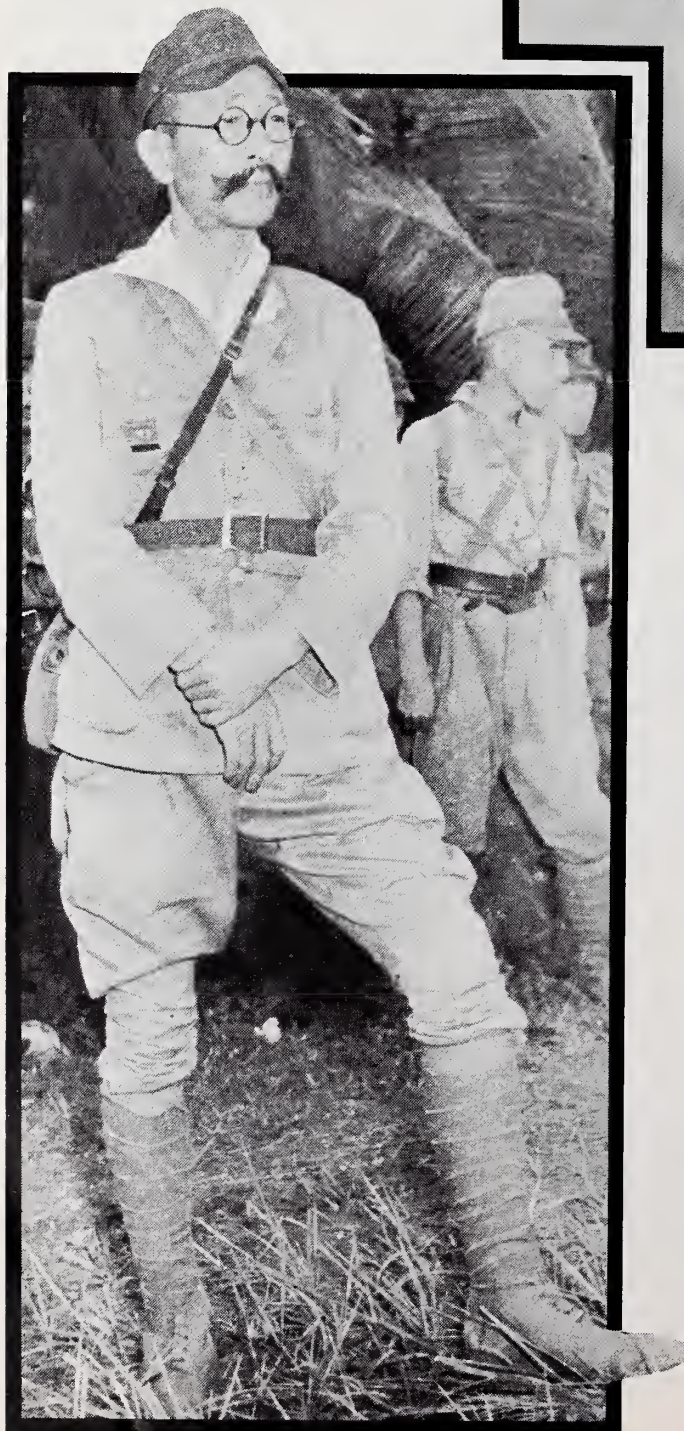
The major one is a survival question: are the European allies going to deploy the new generation of American missiles on their soil, the so-called "theater nuclear weapons"? The minor question is: are the Europeans going to increase their net defense expenditures by 3 percent as has been requested of them?

Examining the major question first: in a fateful meeting of NATO's Foreign and Defense ministers in Brussels in December 1979, it was agreed that the new weapons—the Pershing II launchers and the ground-launched cruise missiles—would be deployed when they were available. The need for them was recognized, for without them there was no way to deter or counter the terrible threat of the Soviet SS-20 medium-range missiles with independently targeted warheads. From a European viewpoint, it was regrettable that the SS-20s were excluded from the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks between the U.S. and the USSR because they are the only "strategic" weapons capable of hitting America from Russia and vice versa. A single, devastating attack by

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Surrender On CEBU

*The Japanese couldn't
believe the war was lost*



By Robert C. McGiffert

It was a ceremonial day, a day made for generals. Seven were on hand: three winners and four losers. The victors and the vanquished faced one another on a wide, grassy field under high summer clouds. Behind the generals, their lieutenants stood in rows. Some distance off, where the ground fell away from the knoll on which the generals stood, the ranks of troops stirred restlessly in the heat. Many were bored, in a hurry to get on with it and on to other things. Many, having been disarmed, were disconsolate and fearful.

From the cluster of victorious officers, the senior general stepped forward, an aide at his side. The first of his defeated adversaries unbuckled his sword and handed it to his conqueror, who handed it to his aide. Then one by one, in turn, three other generals and an admiral gave up their swords in token of surrender.

Thus, with time-worn symbolism, another battle receded into history, another vanquished army shuffled forward to captivity.

The date was August 28, 1945, two weeks after the end of World War II. This was the Japanese surrender on Cebu Island, the cigar-shaped, verdant centerpiece of the Visayan Islands of the Central Philippines. With these formalities at the village of Ilihan, a cluster of houses near Cebu's northern tip, nearly 10,000 Japanese survivors of a fierce three-month battle began laying down their arms.

Disarmed Japanese troops (left) stand in front of a palm grove after surrendering to American forces on Aug. 28, 1945. Japanese Lt. Hosaka (above) speaks to an American interpreter during the first discussions of a possible Japanese surrender on Cebu.

To some observers of the gentlemanly proceedings, the time was out of joint. Like other island battles of the Pacific war, the battle for Cebu had been savagely fought. In 96 days of combat, the Japanese lost more than 9,300 soldiers. The U.S. Army's Americal Division—formed three years earlier in New Caledonia from units of the Massachusetts, Illinois and North Dakota National Guards—suffered 2,400 casualties: 458 dead and missing, 1,969 wounded.

A U.S. soldier who faced capture during this campaign could expect no quarter. Fresh in my own memory that day at Ilihan was the sight of an American infantryman seized by the enemy during an unexpected firefight. When the Japanese withdrew after the skirmish, they left behind his body, decapitated and gored by bayonets. I could not reconcile the courtesies of Ilihan with such barbarity.

The spectacular surrender on Cebu and the artful means by which it was arranged attracted little notice at the time. Indeed, the campaign to drive the Japanese from the Central Philippines was one of the better kept secrets of the war. After General MacArthur's finely orchestrated return to Leyte and the subsequent liberation of Manila and Luzon, the attention of the public was focused farther north, on Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the islands of Japan itself. By August 28, the day of the commotion at Ilihan, Emperor Hirohito's capitulation was two weeks old; U.S. troops and ships were hustling north to occupy the enemy's home islands, and the surrender for which the world had waited—in Tokyo Bay, aboard the battleship *Missouri*—still lay ahead.

But to those who witnessed it, the dénouement at Ilihan was bizarre. To begin with, the surrender was difficult to arrange because the Japanese on Cebu didn't know the war was over. They were isolated in a corner of the island, without working radios. When Hirohito called upon his troops to end the fighting, his message did not reach Cebu.

The Americal Division's commander, Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold, tried to get it through by air drop. On August 16, thousands of leaflets rained down on the Japanese sanctuaries. The message was both a news bulletin and an invitation to surrender.

"Japanese forces throughout the world have surrendered by order of his August Majesty, the Emperor of Japan," it stated. "On 14 August 1945, it was officially proclaimed that Japanese wherever they might be would lay down their arms, having realized that peace was the only solution to a hopeless cause.

"Now that your Emperor has come to an honorable agreement, we feel that you on Cebu should come to us as we have always wanted you to. In the past some of you have taken advantage of our guarantees of fair and kind treatment. Now that hostilities have ceased, lay down your arms and come to us. You will be treated fairly according to the rules of the Hague and Geneva Conventions. There is one point where you can assemble and be collected: Sacsac. Come to the above point unarmed during daylight hours waving this leaflet."

The Japanese, lacking aircraft, used a tree for their reply. On August 17, they nailed a message to it: "We do not believe your propaganda."

Again General Arnold struck from the air. His new

leaflets expressed hurt that his integrity was doubted. Then they invited the Japanese commander, Lt. Gen. Sadashi Kataoka, to send an emissary to U.S. headquarters to determine whether U.S. victory claims were true.

Again Kataoka replied by tree. His message, nailed at the roadside where it would be found by American patrols, set a time and a place for a meeting. And so at noon on August 20, a Japanese lieutenant named Hosaka and four enlisted men, followed by a band of about 40 curious Filipinos, clumped around a bend in the road near the village of Sacsac and advanced under a Rising Sun flag to meet a party of half a dozen Americans. With the help of a Nisei interpreter, Hosaka and U.S. Maj. Raymond Chesley exchanged greetings and agreed on details of Hosaka's imminent trip. Then the lieutenant bade his comrades goodbye and got into a jeep for a 30-mile ride to get the bad news. During his overnight stay at division headquarters, Hosaka talked to interpreters and listened to broadcasts from Japan. He reported back to General Kataoka that the war was over.

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Japanese army nurses join troops awaiting surrender ceremonies on Cebu Island. The American forces were unaware that the enemy on Cebu included young female medical personnel.

Is There A Fortune In Your Attic?



*If there's a
"running chicken" in
your attic, there's a
fortune in your future*

By Dwight Thomas

In 1977, an ex-GI in Philadelphia remembered a few stamps he had in his attic footlocker and took them to a dealer. Thirty-two years earlier, the GI had helped an elderly couple escape from East Berlin and they had given him the stamps as a token of their appreciation. When the dealer recognized the stamps, both the U.S. Treasury and Scotland Yard were called in, for the philatelic prizes had been stolen from the Berlin *Reich-postmuseum* at the end of WWII. They were valued at \$500,000 and had been the object of an international search ever since 1945. The startled ex-serviceman was given a \$50,000 reward.

Stamp collecting has always been a popular hobby in the United States. However, through the years thou-

sands of collections, large and small, have been abandoned to attics, the bottom drawer of bureaus and the back shelves of closets.

Collections may have been formed by the owners at an earlier age and then discarded as other interests took over. More important, the collections may have been handed down from parents to children, and the parents themselves may have received the stamps from an older relative.

Is there a stamp collection in your attic? If so, it should not remain unassessed any longer; not when certain early stamps are now selling for thousands of dollars each; not when stamps issued in our own lifetime can be sold for many times over what was originally paid for them.

Used copies of the first postage stamp, the "Penny Black" issued in 1840 by Great Britain, have sold for prices up to \$8,800 for exceptional examples, though the catalogue value is only \$180. There were more than 68 million printed, so it is not unusual to find one or more in older collections. Many of them, of course, have not survived 141 years in very good condition, but a Penny Black that I bought in 1975 for \$20, I sold in 1980 for \$300.

The first stamp issued by the United States, in 1847, now brings up to \$3,000 for quality used copies and it is not unusual to find this stamp in older collections. At a New York auction, an unused copy with its original gum brought \$10,000, and in another auction a strip of three, unused, was sold for \$35,700. (Mint, unused stamps nearly always bring much more than used stamps.)

Even some recent stamps have literally exploded in value. An Australian stamp booklet issued only 15 years ago jumped from \$7 to \$125 between 1978 and 1979. During the last three months of 1979, the "buy price" (the price a dealer will pay for stamps) of a mint set of the first stamps of Christmas Island, issued in 1958, rose 114 percent, from \$28 to \$60, and it now stands at \$90.

If you have a collection that has

not been looked at lately, you owe it to yourself to resurrect it immediately and determine its value.

If it proves to be reasonably valuable, there are several options. You can sell the collection at auction or through a dealer, or you can hold on to it, in which case you may want to insure it or put it in a safety deposit box. If you keep it, you should set up some plan for its care or eventual disposition upon your death.

Among my acquaintances I know of one who has a collection that is literally wasting away. The collection has been in an attic—hot in summer, cold in winter, subject to the investigations of mice—for more than 30 years. Some of the stamps repose in an open bushel basket, others are in shoe boxes. It is a significant collection, having been handed down from a grandparent—a collection that will be lost if not tended to.

A moderate collection of stamps purchased for \$2,000 five years ago could easily bring \$4,000 today. A set of stamps from Israel that sold for \$1,200 in 1972 changed hands for \$7,000 in 1979.

Three factors are largely responsible for the increases: inflation, the finite number of any particular stamp and the growing number of collectors, and the entry of speculators into the stamp market.

Huge increases are exceptional, but the entire market has followed the upward trend, with some truly phenomenal jumps in the last four or five years. For this reason alone you should learn the current value of any stamps you may have.

In older collections what should you look for? There have been more than 250,000 different stamps issued worldwide since the Penny Black of 1840. They are not all equal, but a little time spent with a Scott stamp catalogue should tell you where the values are. Most libraries will have a catalogue, which is issued yearly.

Look particularly for high-value U.S. stamps—50¢, 90¢, \$1, etc.—as well as the commemorative stamps

issued between the Columbian Exposition of 1893 and the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1913-14.

Be on the lookout for "stampless covers," letters mailed before there were stamps, as well as stamped envelopes from Civil War days decorated with flags, cannons and other symbols. Stamps of the Confederate States, particularly those still on envelopes and showing Confederate postmarks, are especially wanted. Also look for unusual cancellations on early U.S. stamps. When the postmaster in Waterbury, CT, began cancelling letters in 1869 with figures cut from blocks of wood, little did he know that his "running chicken" cancellation of three 1¢ stamps on a single envelope would be sold in 1979 for \$264,000. Letters carried by Pony Express are eagerly sought, as

are envelopes from towns and military posts in the West before the states were named. A letter to Germany with a regular 30¢ stamp as well as a Pony Express label brought \$145,000 in a recent auction.

Among foreign stamps, much attention is paid to the issues of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and some of the British colonies. Be wary, however, of the postwar stamps of the Communist countries, where stamps have been issued in astounding numbers for the trade and certainly see very little use on mail. This also holds true for some Arab states and island countries that print stamps for collectors as a method of increasing income.

About 75 percent of all stamps are sold at stamp auctions. The rest are sold to stamp dealers or through

dealers to another party in a transaction known as a "private treaty." Many less valuable stamps are sold among collectors. An auction house will charge a commission between 10 and 20 percent to sell stamps for you. Dealers must work at a sufficient profit to stay in business, so they will discount accordingly.

A word of caution: if you find something of value, don't be in a hurry to tell all your friends. Don't advertise indiscriminately that you have any stamps, no matter what their value. *Stamp Collector* warns: "Burglars are becoming more and more knowledgeable about worthwhile stamps and the ease with which they can be disposed of for profit." Rather than tell your friends at the club, it would be better to tell your lawyer or banker. Good hunting. ■

A "Penny Black" (opposite page) sold for \$8,800, but some of the covers and stamps in this philatelic hotch-potch may someday be worth even more.





Rep. Millicent Fenwick (R-NJ) lights her trusty pipe. An early 20th-century actress enjoys a surreptitious smoke (below right).



*Give a man a pipe
he can smoke,
Give a man a book
he can read:
And his home is bright
with a calm delight,
Though the room
be poor indeed.*

JAMES THOMSON

By Dan Wheeler

Mariners sailing the Spanish Main called it "drinking the dry drink." In Elizabethan England it was "whiffing." While Englishmen did it with ostentatious aplomb, the Virgin Queen did it with Sir Walter Raleigh, a fellow "fume sucker." New World colonists indulged heartily, though it meant watching their money go up in smoke. And today, more than three million Americans still do it. The "it," of course, is pipe smoking.

Pipe smokers share a heritage with millions of devotees through the ages who have been ridiculed, shunned, persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, mutilated and executed because they refused to be weaned from their beloved pipes. These aficionados kept on puffing despite nagging wives, incessant do-gooders and monarchs who sought to rob them of their greatest worldly pleasure.

Inveterate pipe smokers are as quick to defend their habit against all onslaughts as was 19th century satirist T. C. Haliburton to praise it. "The pipe is the poor man's



friend," he wrote. "It calms the mind, soothes the temper and makes a man patient under troubles."

Philosophers all, every pipeman agrees with English novelist William Thackeray who wrote: "The pipe draws wisdom from the lips of philosophers and shuts up the mouth of the foolish. It generates a style of conversation, contemplative, thoughtful, benevolent and unaffected."

Yet, if today's smokers had lived 375 years ago, their pleasure may have incurred the wrath of a king. Their last bowl of "precious stink" could well have been drawn in the Tower of London just prior to bidding their heads a fond farewell.

"Smoking," decreed King James I of England, "is a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, (and) dangerous to the lungs... It nearest resembles the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless." Tobaccodom's own "Carry Nation" was not alone in his contempt for the "pestiferous and wicked poison from the devil."

In "Tobacco Battered," Joshua Sylvester wrote: "Two smokey engines have been invented in this age: guns and tobacco pipes, of which the latter is the more deadly (because) tobacco pipes attack their own, poisoning their users... If tobaccoconists keep on their course, they can better endure Hell's sulphuric smoke."

Massachusetts enacted a law in 1646 making it illegal

with burning tobacco, hemp or dried grass and inhaled until intoxicated. No fuss, no bother.

In 500 B.C., Herodotus wrote about the Scythians' smoking habits: "They also have a tree which bears the strangest produce," he wrote. "When they are met together in companies, they throw some of it upon the fire round which they are sitting, and presently, by the mere smell of the fumes which it gives out in burning, they grow drunk as the Greeks do with wine."

Centuries later, the American Indians puffed calumets filled with "kinnikinnick"—a mixture of one-third very mild tobacco, one-third dried summac leaves, and one-third inner bark of the dogwood or willow. Decorated with eagle, owl, duck or woodpecker feathers (representing the gods of the day, night, water and trees), calumets, or "peacepipes," were carved from a soft red stone in the west and a white stone in the east. All important decisions made by tribal councils were celebrated by the smoking of the pipe. It was considered a grievous affront to refuse a smoke; an honor to be invited.

Inevitably, plants of the family *Nicotiana tabacum*—believed by thousands to be a panacea for all ills of life—found their way into medical lore. A 17th century report contended that tobacco ash was every bit as useful as its smoke. "Save the ashes in a closed box, for they will cure any green wound," it advised. "If you steep the ashes in

And Its Wares

to smoke tobacco on a journey of more than five miles away from town. Connecticut passed a law in 1647 which forbade pipe smoking other than at mealtime or more than once a day—and "then not in the company with any other." A New York law outlawed public smoking by women.

Despite vocal and periodic legal condemnation, pipe smoking flourished. Schools were established to teach the "art of whiffing." Gentlemen, desirous of avoiding an embarrassing *faux pas*, were tutored in their genteel pursuit.

Professors of whiffing taught proper smoking manners and correct usage of required equipment. Each student needed no less than a dozen fine clay pipes (some ornately decorated in gold and silver), and one ivory tobacco box capable of storing at least a full pound of shag. And the incidental implements of the art were endless: a rammer to pack the weed into the bowl; a special knife to unravel the twisted tobacco; a small wooden board called a "trencher" on which tobacco was cut into shreds; a pair of ember tongs to lift fire to the bowl; and a metal pick to loosen the soggy dottle at the end of a smoke. (Sherlock Holmes collected his dottle on the mantelpiece, saving it for an especially savory smoke!)

Altogether, there were at least 20 separate operations required for a gentleman to smoke his pipe: (1) take your seal (2) uncage your pipe (3) draw your box (4) produce your rammer (5) blow your pipe (6) fill your pipe, et cetera. Each had to be mastered in proper order and with sufficient poise. Learning the smoker's demeanor, however, was simple—merely sit back, puff leisurely and look intelligent.

Though intricate and pompous, the English system was a refinement over ancient methods of smoking. Originally, men sat around a hole in the ground filled

white wine or urine and bathe any old inveterate ulcer, it will take away the itch, cleanse and heal it. If, with the ashes you rub your teeth, it will make them white and smooth and preserve them a long time from rotting." All that without fluoride or yearly checkups!

Pharmacists mounted the bandwagon and dispensed tobacco in pills, extracts and balms. Their concoctions, it was believed, changed sadness into joy, made the fat thin and the thin hardy, cured boils, hiccoughs, bad breath and toothaches, and made the poor happy in the midst of their poverty.

Chewing the weed was an excellent purge for many maladies. Scottish physician William Barclay advised patients to insert a ball of tobacco in their mouths and "presently there shall flow such a flood of water from the brain and stomach, that it shall be a wonder." Any who've tried a "chaw" know the good doctor was right.

Still others claimed smoking a pipe would make your love life immensely more enjoyable. Saint Joseph of Cupertino, however, disagreed. He recommended tobacco only for monks, bachelors and other celibates because it suppressed sensual emotions and unclean desires.

Even James I, the avowed enemy of the herb, is reputed to have used it on occasion, but his manner of use was unseemly at best. "Being taken backwards," wrote one English physician, "it is an excellent good against the colic." The king must have given it a try because he wrote, "Merrily, this is the way to take it for stomacke disorders."

By 1650, American colonials had a booming tobacco trade. Growers could barely keep pace with the ever increasing demand. All too aware that their wealth depended on the "tobacco standard," a few ambitious merchants began exporting it mixed with coltsfoot, garden-variety

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Kataoka sent another note to Arnold. "I received your kind message from First Lieutenant Hosaka," it said. "I have faith in your veracity and am positively convinced that Japan has surrendered. I wish to express my sincere thanks for the kind treatment accorded the lieutenant."

Over the next few days, the surrender at Ilihan was arranged.

The formalities of surrender were scheduled for 10 a.m., but for hours before that the road from the north was clogged with Japanese. In they marched to the assembly area, armed with rifles, mortars, grenades and machine guns. On command, they stacked their weapons, then spread out in ranks across the field. Many soldiers carried small white boxes containing ashes of friends. Despite the ordeal of isolation and siege, the Japanese troops were neatly dressed. So were the Japanese army nurses who marched in with them and whose appearance sent a wave of surprise through the Americans at the scene. We had not known that women were among the enemy on Cebu.

With all the enemy troops disarmed and in the field, facing American detachments, General Kataoka led three other generals and an admiral to the knoll between the massed soldiers. There they stood in line while a dozen unit commanders and staff officers formed a double rank behind them. Then, from the road at the field's edge, General Arnold strode forward, followed by three files of unit commanders, staff officers and interpreters.

On the knoll, he faced his former adversaries. Within moments, their swords were his.

General Kataoka then went to a house at Ilihan and signed the surrender instrument that formally turned over 2,667 officers and men to American control. In the course of the next three days, an additional 7,200 Japanese were disarmed at other assembly points in northern Cebu.

These troops had not marched to Ilihan, though their commanders had been there. Those commanders had stood on the knoll with General Kataoka and, like him, had unbuckled their sabers and turned them in.

Thus did a genteel silence settle on the bloody battlefields of Cebu. ■

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herbs and meal to stretch the supply and fatten their profits.

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pipe. Arabia has her hookah; England, her clay; U.S., her corn-cob; Africa, her calabash; Germany, her painted porcelain; and Turkey, her prized meerschaum. To examine and list the attributes of each would be a scholarly undertaking; however, three *must* be mentioned.

Meerschaums are rightly called the "king of pipes" because of their beauty, porosity and cool, sweet smoke. A clay-like mineral made of hydrous magnesium silicate, its name means "sea foam." Ancient civilizations living in the regions surrounding the Mediterranean Sea used it for soap. Because it was usually found near the sea, they thought the mineral was petrified whitecaps.

Supposedly, a Budapest shoemaker carved the first meerschaum pipe at the request of a Hungarian count.



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Pleased with his craftsmanship, and a smoker himself, the shoemaker made another. As he smoked and worked his leathers, he inadvertently transferred beeswax from his fingers to the bowl. Soon thereafter, he noticed his fingerprints had turned a rich, mahogany amber. So stunning was the coloration that the cobbler also waxed the count's pipe; pipe makers have been doing so ever since.

If meerschaum is the king, then briar is the queen, but she too was

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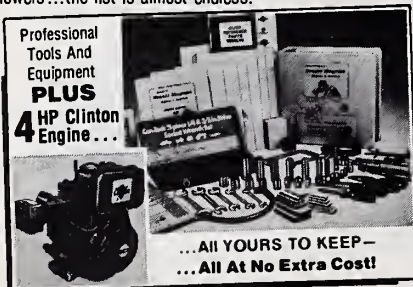
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born by chance. A French pipemaker, visiting Corsica in the early 1800s, broke his only pipe, a fashionably carved meerschaum. In desperate need of another bowl, he commissioned a local woodcarver to fashion one from a hard wood found on the island. The wood was the knotty part of a desert shrub (*Erica arborea*) which thrives only in the hot, sandy soil of the Mediterranean countries.

The woodcarver's work was masterful. Smoking his new briar was so pleasurable that the Frenchman returned home posthaste with a shipment of knurled roots and promptly created a new industry. Briar pipes were soon in such demand that even the English—perennial enemies of France and undying supporters of the clay pipe—forsook their prejudices and began tracking the desert shrub.

It took several decades to launch the next pipe revolution, the brainchild of a Dutch-born farmer living in Washington, MO. John Schranke had been whittling dried corncobs into cool-smoking pipes for years. He never tried marketing them because they were crude and, he thought, no match for the fancy briars imported from France, England and Italy.

Henry Tibbe, a woodworking friend of Schranke, took an interest in the cobs one day while sharing a load with the farmer in front of his shop. One thing led to another. Soon Tibbe's lathe was cutting down corncobs while Schranke inserted stems. Within the hour, they had hung a sign in the window and the "Missouri meerschaum" was born.

Though "country" in appearance, it rivals even King Meerschaum's sweet smoking qualities and some cob smokers will puff nothing else. Fact is, they laugh at those hoity-toities who spend as much as \$1,000 for a hand carved briar when the best smoke in the world can be had for a buck or two or about 30 minutes' work in a corncrib.

In the course of some 2,500 years, pipe smokers have progressed from savages sniffing a pile of burning herbs in a hole, to civilized people of all ages, nationalities and professions. Each carefully chooses and faithfully uses his favorite style of pipe brimming with, in the words of the Bard, "...thou weed, who art so lovely fair and smell'st so sweet." ■

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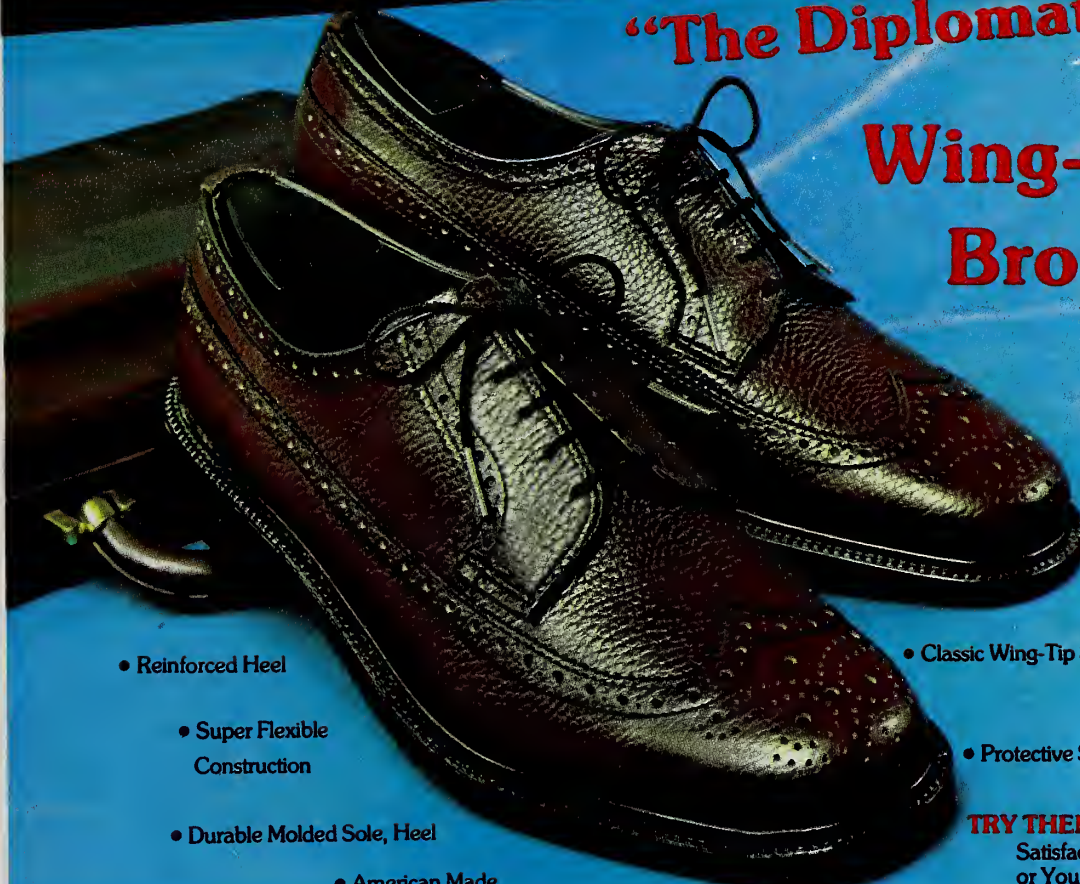
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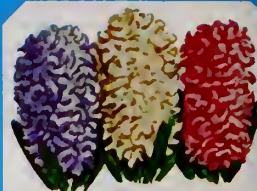
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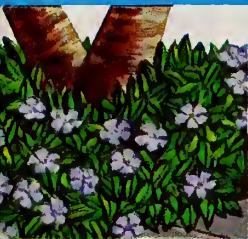
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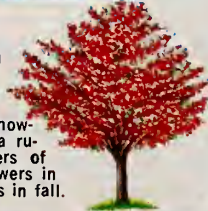
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The GI's upon whom the rest of us depend for our very survival should not be compelled to participate in experimental medical test programs without being informed of the potential risks, the Senator said.

Senator Moynihan's bill provides that only those servicemen who give their free consent and are fully aware of the nature and consequences of the research will be used in experiments.

A High Speed Rail System?

Most of the debate in Washington concerning the revitalization of Amtrak is centered around how much rail passenger service should be cut back. However, Rep. Henry Reuss (D-WI) thinks the quickest route to more efficient train service is to make the trains run faster. He has proposed legislation to create a high speed rail passenger system with trains running up to an average of 100 mph.

Representative Reuss says a faster system would put us on a par with other advanced nations, adding that in Japan and France the average speed of rail passenger trains is about 100 mph, compared to an average speed in the U.S. of about 44 mph. U.S. passenger trains are being held up by slow moving, heavy freight trains which dominate the system and ruin the tracks, and many grade crossings are dangerous to high speed trains. If Congress agrees with him, Representative Reuss hopes to finance the project with loan guarantees.

Fighting Mail Fraud Schemes

Some legislators on Capitol Hill want to strengthen the investigatory and enforcement powers of the U.S. Postal Service to help combat mail fraud. The solons say that 60 percent of the victims of phony mail schemes are the elderly.

Testimony before a House committee in connection with the proposed legislation has exposed horrible instances of fraud by mail. One example: a promoter offered a "guaranteed cancer cure" consisting of bottles full of seaweed and vitamin B12. The kit cost \$700 and, according to medical experts, could cause illness or death if used. Other bogus promotions uncovered by the Postal Service include arthritis remedies, weight loss programs, land sales and insurance deals.

The congressmen say that the Postal Service has done well cracking down on victimizers, but believe a strengthened effort is required to keep pace with this growing problem. The legislation under consideration would give the Postal Service subpoena authority and immediate access to suspected mail promotions.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Thread-Line Policy—"... What's important about the Reagan recovery program is that it is a thread-line policy rather than a stop-and-go policy. That is to say, it's for the long term. It aims at certain structural changes in the American economy." Myer Rashish, Under Sec'y of State for Economic Affairs.

Our No. 1 Target—"Our first priority is still the Soviet Union. It has been the number one adversary for 35 years. It is the only country in the world with major weapons systems directly targeted at the United States which could destroy the United States in half an hour. For that reason alone, it remains the number one target." William Casey, director, CIA.

A Hunger To Be Proud—"There is a spiritual revival going on—a hunger once again to be proud of all that America is and can be." President Ronald Reagan.

Only U.S. Can Do It—"There are so many things that will not be done unless the United States is prepared to do them. There is so much that only the world's greatest democracy can do." Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, Australia.

Inflation Of Media Ego—"... There is a tendency among us all to use freedom of the press as though it were some sign of high rank, some badge of privilege which confers special liberties upon its possessors." William A. Leonard, president, CBS News.

Better Too Soon Than Too Late—"It's better to go too soon than stay too long." Potter Stewart, former Assoc. Justice, U.S. Supreme Court.

Conservatism Revival—"No intellectual phenomenon has been more surprising in recent years than the revival in the United States of conservatism as a respectable social philosophy." Arthur Schlesinger, historian and former Presidential aide.

Regulations To End Regulations—"Under the discretion the agencies now have, we can probably achieve only about half the regulatory relief needed. The rest will require legislation. There also are procedural roadblocks. For example, you often must issue a new regulation to kill a bad regulation." James C. Miller III, exec. dir., Presidential Task Force on Regulation.

Playing The Budget Game—"When you're dealing with the entire budget, there are things along the margin that give way to making the overall, critical budget goal. We were willing to make adjustments at the margin." David Stockman, director, Office of Management and Budget.

Too Much Or Too Little?—"To say we are overburdened by scientific information is to say we haven't discovered enough. It is to say we haven't found that which ties it all together." Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA).

No Surprise Wanted—"... By far the most important ambassadorial function is still to prevent the 'host' government from being taken by surprise by anything we do; and, more important, to protect our government from being caught off guard by anything 'they' think or say or do." Kingman Brewster, former ambassador to Great Britain.

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The Message Center

DISABLED PENNSYLVANIA VETS GUARANTEED DEER HUNTING LICENSES . . . Pennsylvania Governor Dick Thornburgh has signed into law a measure granting antlerless deer (doe) licenses to disabled veterans . . . Noting the state Game Commission limits the number of licenses issued to preserve and improve Pennsylvania's antlerless deer herd, the Governor said, "These highly sought licenses are issued by county treasurers in some instances on a first-come basis and in others by lottery" . . . The new law takes the disabled vet out of the chance category and insures that if they apply for an antlerless deer license, they will receive one. In signing the law, the Governor said, "These individuals have played an important role in the defense of our country and deserve special consideration so that they can participate in this sport."

VA TO OPEN 28 NEW VET CENTERS . . . The VA has announced it will soon open 28 new Vet Centers around the country in a major expansion of the popular readjustment counseling program for Vietnam era veterans . . . Criteria for the new Vet Center locations are still under study, but in general, most of the new centers will be located in counties having a veteran population in excess of 40,000. Some centers, however, will be placed so as to serve more remote areas with a less dense concentration of veterans where there appears to be a need for such services . . . As sites for the new "storefront" centers are selected they will be opened as rapidly as leases are arranged, offices furnished and personnel hired.

CENTURY III LEADERS PROGRAM TO AWARD \$200,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS . . . More than 200 college scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 each, will be awarded this fall to high school seniors across the U.S. in the Century III Leaders program. Applications, which must be filed by October 16, 1981, are available through local school principal's offices. The scholarship awards will total more than \$200,000 . . . Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Century III Leaders program seeks to stimulate creative thinking among those young people who will be solving the problems of tomorrow . . . Students are judged on their leadership abilities, community involvement and awareness of current events . . . Additional information is available by

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SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST UP, MATURITY SHORTENED . . . Series EE Savings Bonds are now paying 9 percent interest, up from 8 percent prior to May 1 of this year, and their maturity period has been shortened from nine to eight years, according to Savings Bond officials. Meanwhile, all outstanding Series E Savings Bonds have risen 1 percent to 8½ percent, as have all H and HH Bonds. Further, people who bought Series E Savings Bonds in the 1940s are warned that those Bonds are beginning to reach their final maturity. Those Bonds purchased in May 1941, for example, reached their final maturity in May 1981. Upon reaching final maturity, you can cash in your bonds and report the interest earned or transfer your bonds to HH Bonds and defer reporting the accumulated interest until you ultimately cash in the HH Bonds. For further information, see your local Savings Bond representative.

GRANTS TO NEW VA-AFFILIATED MEDICAL SCHOOLS APPROVED . . . President Reagan has signed legislation that gives a new lease on life to the VA's \$133.8 million grant program to new medical schools affiliated with VA's nationwide medical care system . . . The legislation extends for one year the time in which five new state medical schools may spend funds already committed from the 1972 grant program . . . The schools are Wright State University in Ohio, University of South Carolina, Texas A&M, Marshall University in West Virginia and the East Tennessee State University . . . These new state medical schools will join a network of 104 schools already affiliated with VA hospitals.

VA TRAINS THOUSANDS IN MEDICINE . . . Nearly one-third of the nation's medical students were among 96,670 persons who received clinical training at VA medical centers last year, according to VA officials . . . The VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery has become a national clinical training ground, with more than 2,000 training programs in the fields of medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, social work and other health professions. In addition, more than a third of all physicians filling approved medical residencies in the United States and almost 20 percent of all dentists engaged in postdoctoral studies received training.

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Boys Nation 1981



One Week In Washington



Above, newly elected Boys Nation President William H. Jackson (left) of Olathe, KS, gives a victory salute with his Vice President, E. Hood Temple of Florence, SC.

The 1981 Boys Nation held on the campus of American University in Washington, DC, this year included a couple of special events. Above, Boys Nation President William H. Jackson of Olathe, KS, is shown with Natl. Cdr. Kogutek during dedication ceremonies of the Legion-sponsored Freedom Bell. Below right, Natl. Auxiliary President Dora Seymour, Cdr. Kogutek and Senator John Warner (R-VA and former head of the Bicentennial Commission) ring the bell to mark its dedication. In the center of the page, Boys Nation participants dig into a prime rib dinner provided by members of Cummings-Behlke Post 226 in nearby Mayo, MD. The week-long event also included a visit with Vice President George Bush in the White House Rose Garden and trips to the U.S. Naval Academy, Arlington National Cemetery and the State Department.



Space Age Technology Aids Disabled Veterans

By Bonner Day
VA Information Specialist

Space technology has brought relief to thousands of disabled persons, and, in the process, has saved millions of dollars in hospital care.

The Veterans Administration, through support of research to assist disabled veterans, has been the catalyst in the development of numerous artificial limbs, braces and other aids. These new products have transformed the lives of disabled veterans and nonveterans alike.

As a result, opportunities for the handicapped have reached a new plateau in America, at a time when increasing concern for the disabled has caused the United Nations to establish 1981 as the International Year of Disabled Persons.

And because thousands of veterans now can live at home, millions of dollars are saved every year at VA hospitals.

"Prosthetics will never replace the real thing, but the field has been improved dramatically as a result of space technology," says Shirley Nelson, chief of prosthetics service at the Washington, DC, VA Medical Center. "A person with a remaining hand may feel an artificial arm does little more than fill up a sleeve. But someone with no hands at all invariably chooses to wear a prosthetic device."

The development and improvement of plastics and microelectronics have been major factors in making advances for the disabled possible. But innovative design and imaginative use of materials also have played significant roles.

The Rehabilitation Engineering Center in New York City guides VA research and development of these aids. The devices the center develops and tests address every known disability. The Center's special clinic team, in addition, treats 1,200 veterans a year, while the Center coordinates the fitting of prosthetic devices at the VA's 172 hospitals across the country.

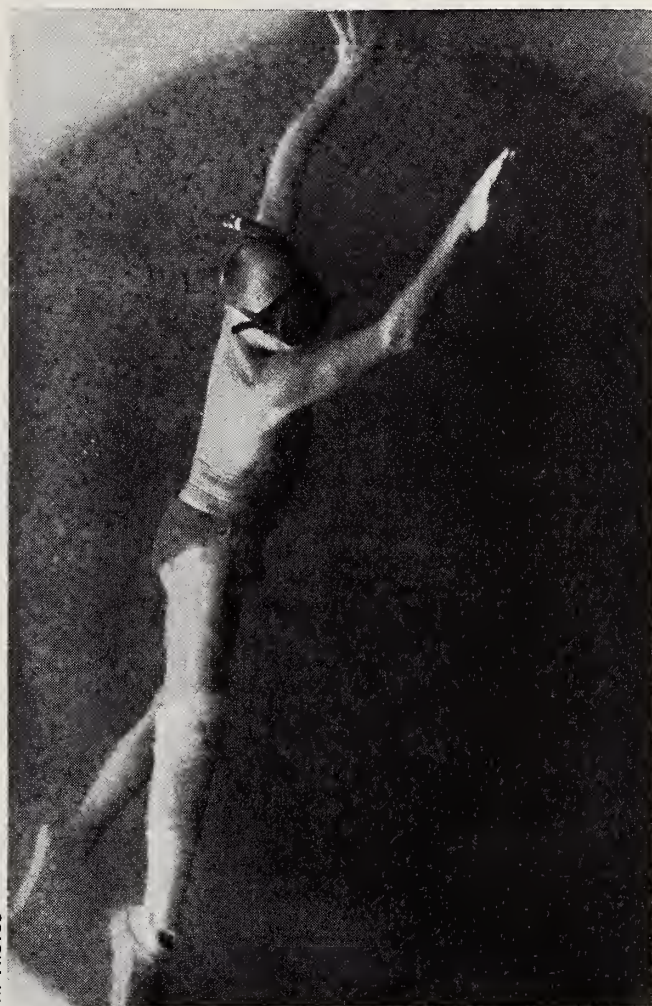
Veterans with service-connected injuries are treated free. Some veterans with nonservice-connected injuries also can qualify under special circumstances.

And though the last amputee from the Vietnam War was fitted years ago, prosthetics experts at VA hospitals still are engaged in fitting the disabled with artificial limbs as well as supplying other aids to help veterans live richer and more productive lives.

Some new amputees are veterans whose war injuries have caused complications. Veterans of earlier wars also provide a steady demand as they seek modern replacements for their older artificial limbs.

The improved devices amount to a technological revolution in the 36 years since World War II ended. The post-World War II artificial leg, for example, has a mechanical knee that is difficult to use. Modern artificial legs have hydraulic-knee mechanisms that help swing the leg forward in walking. This mechanism can be adjusted to move at the most comfortable speed.

A variety of modern artificial legs are fitted to the



VA PHOTOS

For swimming, the VA has developed a water-resistant artificial leg with an ankle joint that can extend the foot to reduce drag in the water.

individual needs of the veteran. Some legs have a hydraulic joint for both the knee and boot. Other limbs have a knee lock for extended standing, while others are especially designed for swimming.

The method of attaching the artificial limb to the remaining leg also has been improved. The artificial leg of post-World War II was attached by a leather corset around the hips. This corset immobilized the thigh and allowed the muscles to atrophy. The older artificial limbs, made of wood, had metal joints and weighed from nine to ten pounds.

The new artificial leg is held in place by a vacuum to the thigh, allowing the thigh to continue to be exercised. New models made of plastic are lighter. One model especially designed for cardiac patients weighs less than two pounds. Most modern artificial legs weigh

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NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

Beating The Paperwork Octopus

Trying to obtain benefits from the Veterans Administration can sometimes seem like stepping into a boxing ring with an octopus. For the uninitiated, a simple application for benefits can turn into a nightmare of correspondence, reams of forms to complete and, perhaps, ultimate denial of those benefits because the veteran making application didn't know how to make the system work for him.

The following article by the Legion's Chief of Claims Service, Phil Wilkerson, points out some commonly made mistakes committed by those seeking benefits and offers some tips on how to ensure the timely resolution of your claim.

One of the first mistakes made by those seeking benefits is that, in trying to determine what benefits they are entitled to or how much money, they try to compare their own case with someone else's similar case. In most instances, this produces more confusion than useful information because it's like trying to compare apples and oranges.

The VA considers each claim individually and solely upon the evidence available to them at the time.

So having accurate information is the essential first step in any claim, no matter what benefit may be involved: nonservice pension, compensation, education, loan guaranty, burial and others. In each and every claim, the VA must determine if the facts and circumstances involved meet the requirements established by law under title 38, United States Code. They must consider specific questions of qualifying military service, medical questions regarding injury, treatment or degree of disability, financial and employment information and a host of other questions.

If, in the opinion of the VA, the individual's service records and evidence submitted with the application do not substantiate the claim, the claimant will be notified of the denial and advised of the right to appeal.

Before you can file for a benefit, there are several things you must know. First, be familiar with the



Filing a claim for benefits with the VA may seem like a paperwork octopus, but some simple rules can help ensure a speedy resolution.

provisions of the law pertaining to the particular benefit you intend to seek. Second, any application that is not fully completed will be returned for the additional information. This will add at least several weeks to the normal three- to four-month processing time. Equally important, to repeat, is accurate information and documentation to substantiate the claim.

The law requires proof of entitlement. A claim must be supported by evidence furnished by the claimant together with documents and records the VA obtains from the particular service department of the military. Inaccurate or incomplete information will jeopardize the entire claim. Lack of necessary proof, at the least, can cause a delay in processing the claim. At worst, it will result in a

denial of the benefit sought.

The VA does deny many claims each year because, in the majority of cases, the claimant did not establish that he or she was entitled to the benefit sought—they didn't provide the necessary proof.

Proof may be found lacking for several reasons: The service records or other pertinent records are either silent on the issue in question or they may have been lost or destroyed. The individual is unable to provide sufficient evidence from his or her own records. Or, in many instances, the claimant may not have had accurate benefit information and a clear understanding of what evidence would be required in their particular claim before it was submitted to the VA.

Where, then, in any of these types of situations, should someone go for

specific, accurate and up-to-date benefit information and personal assistance? Or are potential claimants expected to have the training of a lawyer and an expert's knowledge of federal laws governing the VA's granting of claims?

The answers are so simple to obtain, they're often overlooked. An American Legion Service Officer—specifically trained to assist the veteran in obtaining those VA benefits to which he is entitled—is usually available in your area. Legionnaires know they can contact the Service Officer through their local Post. Non-members are also encouraged to either call or visit the Legion Service Officer, who is tasked with providing service to all veterans. A check of the phone directory will give the address and phone number of the local Legion Post.

The Service Officer can answer questions and help correctly complete the appropriate VA forms. He can also advise what kind of evidence or information should accompany the application form, such as copy of discharge certificate, medical or hospital reports, financial or employment information, marriage certificates and the like.

If there is a problem with a pending claim or appeal, the local Service Officer will work through the Legion's Department Service Officer at the Regional Office in tracking the case.

Since most claims for monetary benefits are either for nonservice pension or service connected disability compensation, let's take a quick look at some of what is involved in submitting these claims.

Entitlement to pension, in general, is dependent upon qualifying wartime military service of 90 days or more, proof of permanent and total disability and income within certain limits. Proof of marriage, children's birth, and termination of marriage by death or divorce affects the amount of benefits payable and must accompany any application or be submitted whenever a change in status occurs.

Compensation, on the other hand, is not contingent upon a claimant's income, but on the degree of residual disability from an injury or condition which occurred during military service. An application for service connection will be tied to the indi-

vidual's service medical records, as well as to post-service medical evidence such as medical or hospital records, employment or insurance reports and other substantiating documentation to establish the level of disability.

A claim for increased compensation must be supported by evidence of increased disability or recent medical treatment.

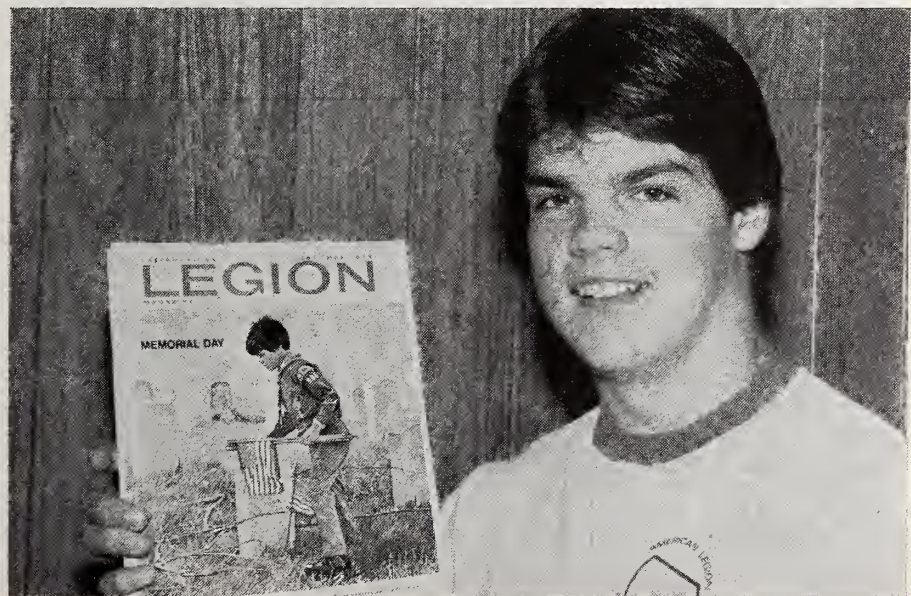
In all of these cases, and many others, the Legion Service Officer is prepared to help you get the correct information to the VA for evaluation, whether yours is a new or reopened claim.

So, when thinking about making a claim, don't leave anything open to misinterpretation by the VA. Be accurate and complete. If any documents are required, particularly medical statements or reports, they must be detailed and specific in describing the condition or disability involved, as well as the treatment prescribed.

When in doubt, it's always best to check with a Service Officer before submitting something you hope the VA will understand—and act favorably upon. A Legion Service Officer cannot guarantee your claim will be allowed. But he can make sure you have done what's possible to help the VA reach a favorable decision. ■



A member of The American Legion, Dept. of France, salutes in honor of fallen WWII comrades during an hour-long Memorial Day Ceremony at Rhône American Military Cemetery in Draguignan, France. The ceremony included participation by crewmen of the USS Puget Sound (AD 38), flagship for Commander Sixth Fleet. (U.S. Navy Photo by PH1 Douglas Tesner)



If there seems to be a resemblance between the Scout on the cover of the May 1974 issue of The American Legion Magazine and the Boys Stater holding that issue, you're right. He's Mark Allen Diedrich, a citizen at this year's Missouri Boys State who, back in 1973, posed for the Magazine's cover. (Missouri Legionnaire photo by Ed Johnson.)

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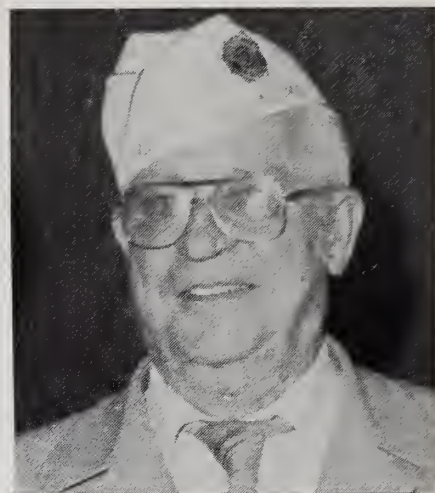


The 1981 Girls Nation, held July 11-18 on the campus of American University in Washington, DC, ended with the election of Mary K. Wales (right) of Kent, WA, as Girls Nation President and Crystal E. Hayling of Lauderhill, FL, as Vice President. The 100 participants visited Capitol Hill twice during their one-week stay and met with their Congressional counterparts.



Ann Miller, star of the Broadway musical, "Sugar Babies," is shown accepting the New York County "Entertainer of the Year" award. The presentation was made by (from left) Program Chairman John J. Morahan, Past Cdr. Paul Wendel, NY Dept. Cdr. Roger LaGasse and NY County Cdr. Anthony J. Tucciello.

Clinton D. Allen is Month's Legionnaire



Clinton D. 'Shag' Allen

A man who had a street in his hometown named after him, and has been known to see that a Post home was built, doubled in size and paid off in three years has been selected September's Legionnaire of the Month.

Clinton D. 'Shag' Allen, a member of Vinita, OK, Post 40, has taken the good works of the Legion out of the Post and into the community with a vengeance. For the past 25 years, besides serving in almost every elective and appointive office of the Post and District, he has found the time to sign up a minimum of 200 members per year and, in many years, as many as 300 to 400 members. Community service projects know they can count on the efforts of Allen and his fellow Legionnaires.

Shag, a veteran of WWII, is serving his second term as City Clerk of Vinita. He has been named Vinita's "Man of the Year" and has served many terms as County chairman of his political party.

Allen was instrumental in getting the State Highway Department to build streets in Vinita's Industrial Tract. As a result, the city honored him by naming one of those streets "Allen."

More recently, Shag added to his honors when the Dept. of Oklahoma named him their "Legionnaire of the Year" and elected him Dept. Vice Cdr. for the coming year.

VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, DC 20420.

Q. I am a veteran with a service connected disability recently re-rated for the same injury because of a change in my condition. Am I again eligible to apply for service-disabled RH insurance?

A. No. However, if during the re-rating, a new condition was rated as service connected, you would have one year to apply for RH insurance based on that new rating.

Q. My VA check goes to my bank on direct deposit. I am moving and want to change banks. How do I get my check deposited directly to my new account?

A. Go to the new bank and complete the proper form to start direct deposit to the new facility. Do not close out your old account until the checks arrive at the new facility because the procedure to change direct deposit from one bank to another takes about 60 days to complete.

Q. I receive compensation from the VA for a 10 percent service connected disability and have just been informed I am eligible for a non-service connected disability pension. Will I receive two checks?

A. No. A veteran cannot receive both compensation and pension benefits based on his own service. The VA will pay you the greater benefit unless you elect in writing to receive the lesser benefit.

Q. I am currently rated 40 percent service connected for my disability by the VA, and I recently got married. Can I get additional money by claiming my wife as my dependent?

A. Veterans who are rated 30 percent or more are eligible to receive additional funds for dependents. Contact the nearest VA office for details.

Q. My deceased husband is buried in a national cemetery. As his widow, am I entitled to be buried in the same cemetery?

A. Yes. Burial in a national cemetery is available to a veteran's widow, minor children, and under certain conditions, to unmarried adult children.



Natl. Cdr. Kogutek and Polish Ambassador to the United States Romuald Spasowski stand next to the Legion plaque honoring Polish patriot and pianist Ignace Jan Paderewski, following its dedication June 29 at Arlington National Cemetery. Paderewski, the largest single contributor to the Legion's Endowment Fund, was temporarily interred in Arlington at the direction of President Franklin D. Roosevelt until such time as he could be reinterred in a free Poland. (ALNS Photo)

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID #_____. The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

3d Armored Cavalry. Anthony Francis Allen is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA in 1968 he suffered a knee injury. Contact CID 756

1st Armored Amphibs. Joseph Paul Hellemis needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Ton-Shin, Korea in 1951 he was hit in the back by enemy fire. Contact CID 757

USS Bumby (DE 1044). Richard A. Heos is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Kingston, Jamaica in February 1969 his nervous system was damaged and he suffered from a knee injury. Contact CID 758

USS Dortch (DD 670). Charles C. James needs witnesses to verify a claim that in September 1944 at sea near the Philippine Islands his ears were damaged from exploding shells. Contact CID 759

375th Medical Group, 375th TCW. Webster R. Klobeke needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Donaldson AFB, Greenville, SC in late 1951 he fell from a mail truck and injured his back. Contact CID 760

CSC, 1st-87th Infantry. Ralph N. Rannbury, II, needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Bauhm Holder, Germany in June 1973 he injured his back in a jeep accident. Contact CID 761

USN CHG 1. John T. Steinmetz is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, CA in 1945 he suffered a knee injury. Contact CID 762

Life Memberships

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Joe S. Aquino (1979), Post 1, San Francisco, CA

Charles Hall, Henry Lethbridge, Walter D. Butterworth (1981), Post 284, Belleview, FL

Henry P. DeKeizer, Ralph B. Hopkins (1981), Post 332, Rockton, IL

Norman W. Felbinger (1981), Post 414, Forest Park, IL

John Jenista, Frank Kraus (1980), Emil Fara (1981), Post 1941, LaGrange, IL

Pearl M. Ewoldson (1977), **H.A. Oehlert, Toot V. Weaver** (1979), **John Heldt** (1981), Post 157, Woodburn, IA

Jeanette Doetsch (1980), **William T. Reynolds, Jr., George F. Stitt** (1981), Post 11, Brookline, MA

Anders Ringheim (1980), Post 253, Chatham, MA

John L. Samson (1981), Post 525, St. Louis, MO

James C. Brooker (1981), Post 193, Cape May, NJ

Henry J. Steinruck, Kenneth E. Wundes (1980), **C. Melville Kless** (1981), Post 121, Rochester, NY

Charles Mahaffy, James Mathis, Joseph Grenier (1981), Post 406, Boonville, NY

Robert J. Soik (1982), Post 6, Stevens Point, WI

TAPS

Arthur M. MacCarthy, National Vice Commander (1971-72), FL National Executive Committeeman (1966-70), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1964-66), Department Commander (1962-63).

Pasquale E. DiVernieri, NY Department Vice Commander (1968-69).

Robert E. Condon, France National Executive Committeeman (1922-23).

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars write person whose address is given. Notices accepted on official forms only. For form send stamped, self-addressed envelope to O.R. Form, American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Notices must be received five months before scheduled reunion. Earliest submissions are favored when the volume of notices is too great to print them all. Notice of Outfit Reunions are run only once during a calendar year.

Army

2d Bn., 129th Inf., 37th Div. (Oct-Rockford, IL). Lee Augustine, 3219 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

10th Mountain Div. (Midwest Chapter) (Oct-Ft. Wayne, IN). Stan Nawrot, 3832 W. 63d St. Apt. 12, Chicago, IL 60629 (312) 581-3045

14th Arm'd Div. (NY Chapter) (Oct-Syracuse, NY). Howard Prentice, 250 Chesterton Rd., Rochester, NY 14626 (716) 225-2718

64th Field Hospital (Kojie Do) (Dec-Dearborn, MI). Frank Earle, 23638 Harvard, Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 278-7886

70th Engr. LP Co. (Sept-Gloucester, NJ). Edward Soper, 124 Byrnc Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314 (212) 698-1587

81st Div. Vets Assn. (Wildcat) (Oct-Morganton, NC). Dwight Willis, Rt. 3, Box 238, Lawndale, NC 28090

88th Inf. Div. (SE Chapter) (Oct-Orlando, FL). J.J. Maye, 88 Blue Devil Way, Box 472, Old Town, FL 32680 (904) 542-7535

107th Evac. Hospital Assn. (Oct-Boston). Allen Walker, 1072 Main St., Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 534-4268

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form in a desert setting were predictable and should have been changed before the exercise began. U. S. military forces spent 12 days and untold sums of money discovering what the Egyptians and Israelis had already known about desert warfare, a lesson learned by North African fighting forces in WWII.

DICK BRISTOW
Leavenworth, KS

Et Ceteras

• I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the very informative June issue. As a member of the Legion from its very early days and having read our publication for many years, I believe this is by far the best issue. From my point of view the articles: "Robots: There's One In Your Future," "Rapid Deployment Force: How Real A Deterrent?" and "The Deadly Lilliputians" were all excellent.

R. L. BERRYMAN
Shreveport, LA

• Plaudits to Commander Kogutak for his Message "We Must Never Forget" (June). His graphic presentation of the condition of the veteran today is most heartening, when often we feel that our government has forgotten us and the sacrifices we made while doing our part to protect our nation.

PABLO FERNÁNDEZ RIOS
Luquillo, PR

• How extremely proud I was to receive the July issue of The American Legion Magazine, for there on the cover were four true and beautiful words, "For God And Country." Now every person who receives the magazine will realize what this great fraternity, The American Legion, is based upon.

G. PALMER HOMMEL
State College, PA

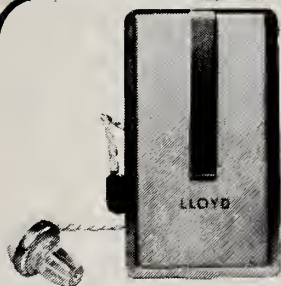
In the July article "Vietnam Veterans Day 1981" you neglected to mention that, in addition to the Vietnam Walkers, the American Legion Color Guard leading the other participants over Memorial Bridge in Washington, DC, was from Arlington Post 139, Arlington, VA. Needless to say, we are tremendously proud of our Color Guard and the Dept. of Virginia.

BARBARA A. VACCARO
Arlington, VA

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141st Gen. Hospital (Oct-Las Vegas). Bruce Rathbun, 6905 Cobblestone Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89128 (702) 870-4424

192d Ord. Co. (Depot) (Oct-Augusta, GA). J.B. Duncan, 2209 Woodland Ave., Augusta, GA 30904 (404) 736-2686

267th QM Baking Co. (Oct-New Orleans). Jack Palmer, 1968 Middle Bellville Rd., Mansfield, OH 44904 (419) 756-2558

320th Inf. Regt. (WWII) (Sept-Kansas City, MO). Bob Bacher, 7840 E. Monte Vista Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85257

504th AAA Gun Bn. (Oct-Akron, OH). Myron Schmidt, R 1, 1965 Fidler Rd., Medine, OH 44256

643d Tank Destroyer Bn. (Oct-Pittsburgh). Ken Happe, 3072 Aljean Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102

710th Tank Bn. (WWII) (Oct-Lancaster, PA). Michael Mezzacappa, 22 Andrews St., Staten Island, NY 10305 (212) 727-1575

724th T.R.O.B. Vets. (Korea) (Oct-Wilmington, DE). Lynn Moore, 491 Conarroe St., Philadelphia, PA 19128

751st Tank Bn. (Sept-Denver). Maynard Giddings, P.O. Box 322, Flagler, CO 80815

759th ROB (Sept-Milwaukee). Bob Weber, 219 Owendale Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15227

977th F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Oct-New Hartford, NY). Mel Guerra, 260 Allen St., East Longmeadow, MA 01028

"D" Co., 148th Inf., 37th Div. (Oct-Oak Harbor, OH). Frank Lipstraw, 389 South Toussaint Port Rd., Oak Harbor, OH 43449 (419) 898-6315

"H" Co., 3d NJ Inf. Nat'l Guard, 29th Div. (WWI). (Nov-Asbury Park, NJ). Ernest Knerim, 510 Staffa St., Alienhurst, NJ 07711 (201) 531-4160

"L" Co., 34th Inf., 24th Div. (WWII) (Sept-Gettysburg, PA). Frank Reimel, 59 Hight St., Montrose, PA 18801 (717) 278-2356

"M" Co., 387th Inf., 97th Div. (Nov-Atlanta). Harold Townsend, 2809 Castle Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64015 (816) 229-1347

Navy

5th NCB (WWII) (Oct-Traverse City, MI). Garland Hurst, 9820 Center Rd., Traverse City, MI 49864

28th NCB (Oct-Metuchen, NJ). Jimmy Hopkins. Ashland Star Rte., Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (503) 882-0897

118th NCB Assn. (Sept-Boston). Arthur Keene, 1225 Colonial Rd., McLean, VA 22101 (703) 356-4050

OMD NAS Guantanamo Bay, McCalla Field (1966-68) (Nov-Chicago). James Froida, 1122 N. 32nd Ave. Apt. 10, Melrose Park, IL 60160 (312) 865-7414

Ships Co., Ship Assignees (US Naval Base, Mayport, FL (1940-44) (Oct-Mayport, FL). Jack Callaghan, 609 Stokes Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 (609) 854-3113

U.S. Naval Magazine (Saipan-1944-46) (Oct-Kansas City, MO). Vernon Putz, P.O. Box 333, Pilger, NE 68768 (402) 439-2196

USS Coates (DE 685) (Oct-Portsmouth, NH). Charles Katan, 5 Tilden Rd., Danbury, CT 06810 (203) 748-3036

USS Gilmer (DD 223), USS St. Mihiel (AP 32), 29th & 32d Divs. U.S.N.R. (Oct-Milwaukee). Raymond Nauman, 2832 E. Holmes Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110 (414) 744-9747

USS Mexico (Oct-Baltimore). Herbert Holdridge, 4005 White, B3, Baltimore, MD 21206 (301) 254-6300

USS Mt. Vernon (WWI-Atlantic Shuttle) (September). Charles Lyons, P.O. Box 244, Dorchester, MA 02122

USS Sterett (DD 407) (Sept-San Diego). Salvatore Montenegro, 1527 N. Ariand Ave., South San Gabriel, CA 91770 (213) 573-5392

Air Force

31st Bomb Sq. (H) (WWII) (Dec-Honolulu). Paul Neff, 3616 Winthrop Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76116

79th Trp. Carrier Sq. (WWII) (Oct-Fairborn, OH). Roger Aigrood, 1635 N. 12th St., Lafayette, IN 47904 (317) 742-0357

92d Bomb Grp., 8th Air Force (Oct-St. Paul, MN). S.R. Sorenson, RFD 1, Box 62, Toronto, SD 57268

96th Bomb Grp. (WWII). (Oct-St. Paul, MN). Robert Owens, 2323 S. Leavitt St. 1-F, Chicago, IL 60608

353d Fighter Grp., 350th, 351st, 352d Ftr. Sqs., 8th A.F. (Oct-St. Paul, MN). Charles Graham, 1627 Eye St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

367th Ftr. Grp. Assn., 392d, 393d, 394th Sqs.

(WWII) (November). Harold Chait, 356 Auburn St., Whitman, MA 02382 (617) 447-3920

380th Bomb Grp., 528th, 529th, 530th, 531st Sqs., 5th A.F. (Flying Circus-WWII). (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO). Clarence Goetz, Rt. 22, Box 22, Springfield, MO 65803 (417) 833-1398

451st Bomb Sq., 322d Bomb Grp., 9th A.F. (Sept-South Bend, IN). John Funston, 1840 Ridge-dale Rd., South Bend, IN 44614 (219) 282-2391

801st Bomb Grp. (Prov), 492d Bomb Grp. (Harrington), 8th A.F. (Oct-St. Paul, MN). Sebastian Corriere, 4939 N. 89th St., Milwaukee, WI 53225

1260th M.P. Co. (AVN)-Leiston, Eng) (Nov-Dane, WI). Glenn Pelton, RR 1, Dane, WI 53529 (608) 592-3351

3742d WAF Sq. (Flight 125, Lackland AFB, TX) (Nov-San Antonio, TX). Personnel Record Center, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX 78236

"HQ & HQ" Sq., 8th Air Support Command (Oct-Birmingham, AL). Col. Harold Carter, 2705 Altadena Lake Rd., Birmingham, AL 35243 (205) 967-2463

"HQ & HQ" Sq., 18th A.D.G. Air Corps (Oct-Columbus, OH). George Kossman, 607 E. Beaumont, Columbus, OH 43229 (614) 262-3851

Luke Field (Class 41-H) (Oct-Phoenix, AZ). L.M. McDonald, 7170 Dawn Dr., Anchorage, AK 99502 (907) 243-0987

United States A.F. Pilot Training Class 61-Delta (Oct-San Francisco). David Roberts, 1055 N. Shore Dr., Roswell, GA 30076 (404) 992-9516

Marines

Marine Corps Aviation Assn. (Oct-Detroit). C.F. Parrent, 19187 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48234

Miscellaneous

11th Inf. Regt. Assn. (September). L.E. Torres, 8000 Sargent Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46256

Retreads Inc. (WWI, WWII) (Oct-Jeffersonville, IN). Col. Frank Kossa, 317 E. Riverside Dr., Jeffersonville, IN 47130 (812) 282-0861

Survivors of Naktong River to Namwon Korea Death March (1950) (Sept-Leavenworth, KS). Eldred Anderson, 2613 S. 17th St., Leavenworth, KS 66048 (913) 682-7553

American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. (Dept. of North Carolina) (Sept-Fort Bragg, NC). American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., 541 Long Leaf Acres Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405 (919) 392-0258

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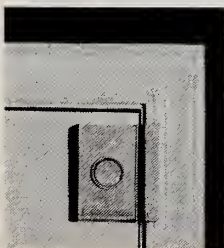
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Space Age Technology

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A veteran being fitted for an artificial limb usually will stay in a hospital about 12 weeks. A patient may be fitted with a temporary limb six weeks or sooner after amputation. After exercising with a temporary limb for about six weeks, the patient is fitted with a permanent limb and discharged from the hospital.

A variety of wheelchairs has been developed to compensate for different disabilities. Veterans with legs that must be elevated are given chairs that provide this service. Some wheelchairs are designed for patients who require a semireclining position. Ambulators (standing wheelchairs) have been designed for paraplegics who wish to work at counters or tables. There are wheelchairs for paralyzed patients that are controlled

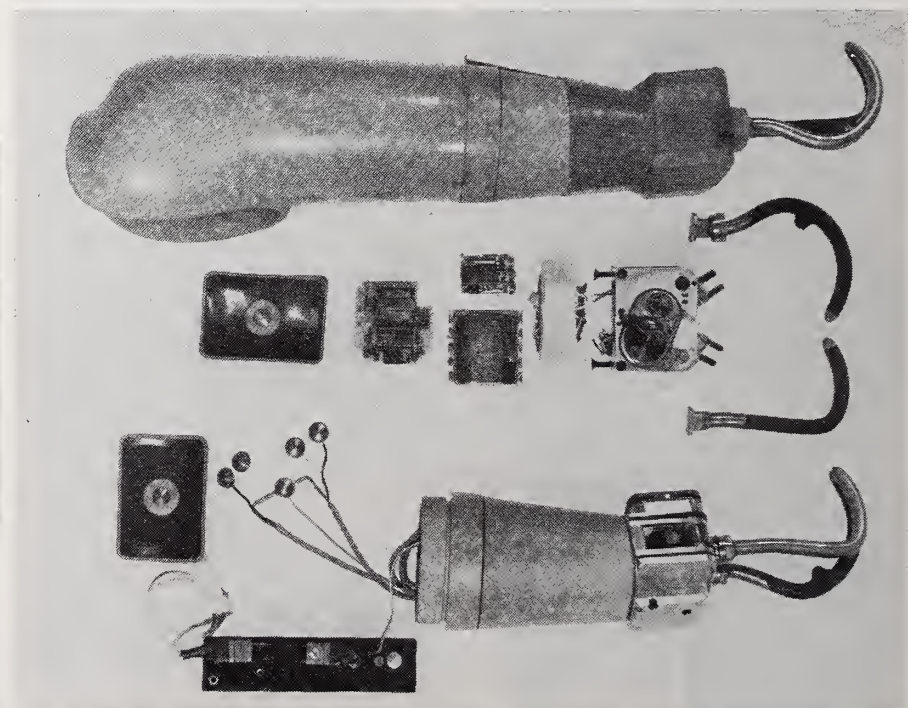
by the patient's breath. By sipping and puffing on tubes, the wheelchair can be maneuvered forward, in reverse or sideways. Wheelchairs are assigned to veterans by prescription after VA experts make individual evaluations.

Disabled veterans can also obtain specially equipped automobiles. Some devices provide hand controls for braking and acceleration. Others provide extra power for low-effort steering for patients with limited hand strength. Wheelchair lifts have been designed for vans and autos.

The loss of an arm or leg in military service qualifies a veteran for equipment to adapt an automobile to his handicap. Those missing a left leg qualify for a dimmer switch on the dashboard, automatic transmission and power brakes. Those without a right leg qualify for a left foot accelerator, plus the items already mentioned.

The equipment is normally installed by commercial firms that specialize in such work, with the VA reimbursing the veterans for the expense.

For the blind, the VA has developed a number of devices. A laser-equipped cane senses objects and



Electronic hooks for the armless that can be controlled through wires running from the hook to muscle nerves in the remaining arm were pioneered by VA prosthetic scientists.

communicates their presence by sounding a noise or vibrating in the hand of the user. Another device for the blind turns the pages of a book and reads aloud. A calculator for the blind announces the calculations and then announces the results.

As a result of these improved aids for the disabled, the VA has been able to send many veterans home and free thousands of hospital beds. Through these savings, the VA has held its increases in health care costs to just 60 percent of the national average.

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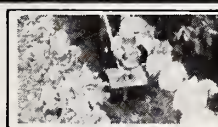
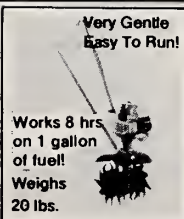
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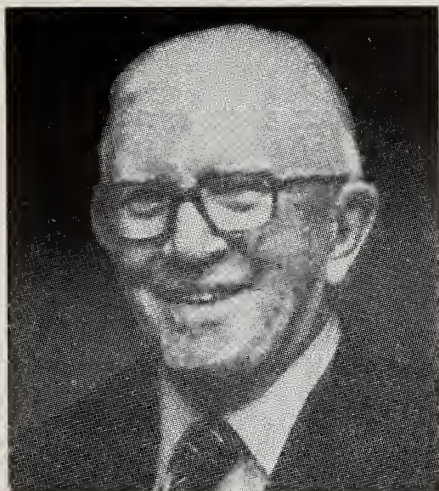


This quadriplegic veteran can maneuver his electric-powered wheelchair by sipping or puffing through one of four tubes. The special control device was developed by the VA.



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James F. O'Neil Dies in New York



James F. O'Neil, Past National Commander (1947-48) and former Publisher of The American Legion Magazine, died recently in a New York hospital. He was 83.

O'Neil had been extremely active in Legion affairs both before and after his service as National Commander and had served as publisher of the Magazine from 1950 until 1978. Prior to his appointment as publisher, he had served as Chairman of the Legion's Publications Commission.

A veteran of Mexican Border service with the 1st New Hampshire Infantry, he also served in WWI as an infantryman and won a battle-field commission of 2nd Lieutenant while serving in France.

During WWII, O'Neil served as a special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and was with the Third Fleet when it made its last strike at Japan.

In 1946, he was appointed by President Truman to the Amnesty Board chaired by the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts. The Roberts Committee reviewed some 16,000 Selective Service Act violations during WWII.

O'Neil, along with the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, helped organize The American Legion of New Hampshire, with Knox serving as the first state commander. O'Neil was a charter member of Henry J. Sweeney Post 2 in Manchester.

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Baseball's Unsung Heroes

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league standards. "It was a challenge to me that I was told I was too short, that I had to be 5' 10". I solved that simply by putting lifts in my shoes and wearing them until I got to the majors, where, now, there is no height qualification," Garcia says.

National League's Eric Gregg had to trim down from around 280 to 230 to avoid the obvious kidding from the dugouts and possibly even eating himself out of baseball. But he wasn't the umpire (it was Ken Kaiser, 300-lb.-or-so AL ump) who, according to Dick Young of the New York Daily News, walked into a restaurant and asked for a table for two. "Yes, sir," said the captain. "Do you want to take it with you or eat it here?"

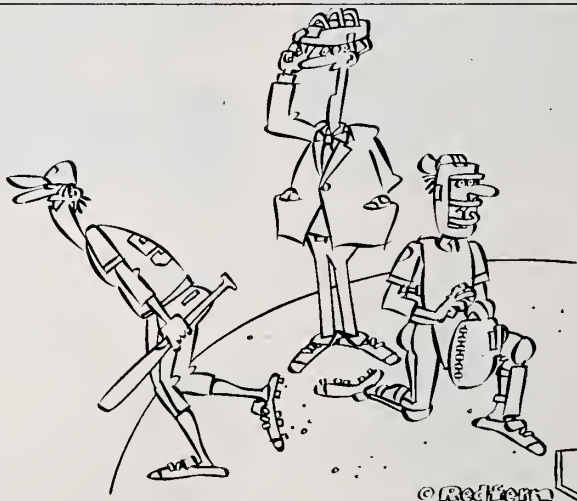
Anyway, Garcia quickly displayed in the majors that one didn't have to be big to maintain order—that height is not necessarily might between the white lines. In his first two plate appearances, he set some sort of a record by tossing out a total of five—including one of the most noted umpire-baiters, A's manager Billy Mar-

And he is also an ex-Marine.

So is NL ump Dick Stello, who could pass for a drill sergeant. But Stello declares, "I've yet to meet someone off the field who didn't like me."

Yeah, but what about on the field, Dick? "Oh, there we're a stigma to be yelled at—but that doesn't bother me. That's part of the game. What bothers me is we're second-class citizens to owners and the league. How do you think I feel going out on the field knowing I'm making \$20,000 less than a National Basketball Association official?" (Today's major league umpire earns from \$22,500 to \$50,000. Minor league umps earn considerably less.)

Just like Mr. Average Fan, umpires are caught up in the inflationary and financial problems of modern life. Maybe even more so: "We have to take taxis from airports to hotels and that could be a \$25 chop out of the per diem (\$77). In Pittsburgh, even with a special rate, the hotel is \$49 a night. And to eat!"



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tin. "Billy was testing me and I knew it. Since it was my first encounter with him, I had to set a precedent. Today we have a great relationship. Incidentally, my crew chief told me I did the right thing and that helped my confidence a great deal."

What Martin, notorious for fisticuffs ("I didn't punch that doggie," as per the beer commercial), didn't know: Garcia originally wanted to be a professional boxer, but his dad nixed the idea.

Of course, finances are better now than when Stello and Garcia were beginning their careers in Class A leagues. "I got \$500 a month," says Garcia. His answer to the financial problem will sound familiar to many these days. "I got a loan before the season and another after. That was the only way I could make it."

Are umpires born to the blue, or are they made? From analyzing a cross section of umpires, plus melding in the experience of the man in

charge of producing umpires, it would seem to be a blend of both.

Barney Deary, a one-time major league umpire who is in charge of the Umpire Development Program backed by the majors and based in St. Petersburg, says some umpires were frustrated ballplayers, while others began their careers as high school or college ball umpers.

Garcia could be classified as a frustrated player. An outstanding high school player at the same Key West school that helped produce Boog Powell, he had to pass up a college scholarship because he was married and couldn't cut it financially.

He became a high school coach, which kept him in touch with the game and eventually led to his deciding that umpiring was for him.

Gregg was a third string catcher on his high school team in Philadelphia. When his coach told him he wasn't going to set the nation's diamonds on fire, he became a typesetter at age 17. Most of his off time was spent watching baseball games. One day, he heard announcer Curt Gowdy talking about Deary's program. He called Deary, who told him he was then too young, but to get some experience in the meantime.

So Gregg began umpiring in an American Legion baseball program while keeping in touch with Deary. When the age minimum was dropped from 21 to 19, he became one of the few black umpires in pro baseball. Now, although only 29, he already has been in the majors five years.

Does he regret not becoming another Willie Stargell, as he once hoped? "Well, I wanted to be a ballplayer, true, and I don't make the money that the big stars do, but I'm satisfied. They can't play 30 years and I hope to be an umpire that long."

To further illustrate the diversity of the backgrounds of major league umpires, Stello—a rugged Burt Reynolds type—briefly was a football player at Florida State University. Stello also has a natural ability to see the humorous side; he was a stand-up comedian on the Massachusetts nightclub circuit. But as a volunteer umpire while in the service, he discovered that umpiring was more fun than delivering one-liners and turned to it as a career.

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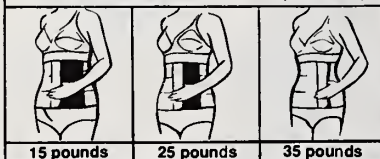
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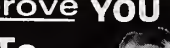
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The important part of umpiring probably has been best expressed by, ironically, a fill-in during the 1979 strike. Roger Grooms, a member of a Cincinnati Umpires Association, was involved in a controversial call in San Francisco's 4-2 victory over the Reds when he called Johnny Bench out at the plate.

Wrote Grooms later in a story carried by the Associated Press: "Baseball is a game of inches. And the distance from bum to hero is measured that precisely. Case in point: my now famous sweep tag call on base-runner Bench.

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The European View Of The Soviet Threat

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SS-20s would also be capable of destroying virtually all of NATO's military installations—truly, in the view of the European allies, a strategic change for the worse!

Although Europeans recognized the need for the new weapons, they hedged their agreement with conditions; at least, some of them did. The "conditional" allies were West Germany, Belgium and Holland. Chancellor Schmidt of Germany made deployment conditional on other countries taking their share of the new weapons. His government also decided that countries accepting the new weapons would be entitled to refuse to deploy them in the event of substantial progress in arms reduction talks between Russia and the U.S. The latter proviso was dubbed the "moratorium."

The Belgians went along with the December 1979 communiqué, but their government then declared that a decision on deployment should be deferred for six months and should thereafter be examined at the twice-yearly NATO ministerial meetings. To date, they still haven't made a decision on the subject of deployment.

The Dutch said they would defer a final decision until the end of 1981, on the ground that priority should be given to U.S.-Soviet talks on reducing the number of nuclear weapons deployed by both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

On the other hand, the British and Italians accepted the new weapons unconditionally.

There has also been some backsliding as regards increasing defense budgets. Prime Minister Thatcher's government originally stood firm, and then-Defense Minister Francis Pym was particularly staunch on this issue. However, when the government ran into increasing financial difficulties, the PM wanted defense cuts and Mr. Pym, who opposed such a move, was moved to another job.

The West Germans also began in firm style, but when the German Defense Minister visited Washington in March, he, too, linked defense spending to a call for renewed arms control talks. As it turned out, the German defense budget was to include military aid to Turkey, so their proposed 3 percent increase was not

exactly what it seemed to be anyway.

Here, again, party politics reared its head in policy making. In October 1980, the German Federal Republic held general elections. The strongly pro-Western and anti-Soviet leader of the opposition Christian Democratic parties, Dr. Franz-Josef Strauss, lost his bid to become Germany's Chancellor. His rival, Helmut Schmidt, leader of the Social Democrats, returned to power. What did this mean? Nobody has ever doubted Schmidt's commitment to the Western alliance. Over the past three or four years, however, Schmidt's hold over his own party has been bedeviled by the growing power of its left wing which has made no secret of its desire to neutralize



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West Germany (that is, pull out of NATO) and do a deal with the Soviet Union.

All of this means that as of now, the West German coalition looks rather fragile. Inside the government, the division between those who want to stand up to the Soviets and those who want to do a deal with them is very real, and deepening.

There is still another dimension to this whole issue. In an earlier article in this magazine (April 1979), I explained that there were important

nonmilitary aspects of Soviet power, especially the subversive dimension, including propaganda and psychological warfare. Today that dimension is fully mobilized in furtherance of Soviet foreign policy.

Having achieved massive military superiority in Europe, the Soviets mean to keep it. One way to keep it is to make it politically difficult or impossible for West European governments (and the U.S.) to redress the military balance. Already, from their standpoint, the Soviets had chalked up a great success. A massive, Soviet-sponsored international campaign against the so-called "neutron bomb" was followed on April 7, 1978, by the U.S. decision to halt production of it.

Since the fall of 1979, an even bigger Soviet-sponsored campaign has been in full swing, this time with two objectives: to prevent production, anywhere, of the "neutron bomb"; and to mount public opinion against deployment of the new generation of nuclear weapons.

In the West, there is widespread misunderstanding of the nature of this campaign. The Soviets are past masters in the "front" technique, that is, the use of front organizations that are in reality controlled by the Communists, but which attract enough non-Communists to deceive public opinion about the true levers of control.

In the wake of World War II, the Soviets set up a number of international front organizations—many of which are actively involved even today in influencing Western European public opinion, and the most important of which is probably the World Peace Council, created in 1948. Today the WPC, based in Helsinki, spearheads the Soviet "peace" drive all over the world.

The WPC acts both directly and indirectly. It sponsors big international conferences, trying to attract well-known international figures without any known Communist connections. One of its major participants in previous campaigns was the British philosopher Bertrand Russell.

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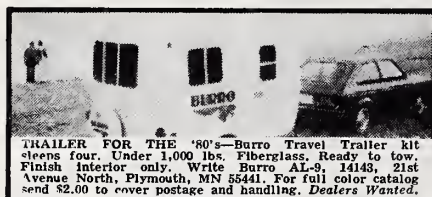
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signed to confuse the public about links with the WPC.

In the U.S., for instance, the names include: the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Washington Peace Center. In January, these bodies, together with the Workers' World Party, demonstrated against the confirmation of Secretary of State Alexander Haig. Later a new grouping was created, the People's Anti-War Mobilization, which marched on the Pentagon on May 3, "to stop the U.S. war build-up."

It must be understood that *similar bodies exist in all NATO countries*, stage similar demonstrations and are vastly influential in forming public opinion. For example, in Holland and Belgium, offshoots of the WPC organized mass demonstrations against the "neutron bomb" and missiles modernization in the fall of 1979. Certainly they played a part in the Dutch decision to defer deployment of the new weapons.

In Britain, the old Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) has staged an astonishing revival in recent months. On February 16, actress Susannah York and aged Labor politician Lord Fenner Brockway presented a CND petition, allegedly signed by 500,000 people, to No. 10 Downing Street. The petition protested the deployment of the new weapons on British soil.

It is particularly significant that the leader of Britain's opposition Labor Party (and potentially the country's next PM), Michael Foot, is a leading member of the CND and is publicly committed to unilateral disarmament for Britain and the withdrawal of American military installations from his country. The current phase of the campaign, by the way, was launched in Moscow in February 1981, with a declaration by the President of the WPC.

In West Germany this year there have been a number of violent demonstrations outside the deployment sites of American nuclear installations.

In the campaign against the new weapons, a major role is being played by the Socialist International, in which the new French President Mitterrand is a leading figure. On the surface, this body is simply an international organization of socialist and

social democratic parties, but it has close relations with the Soviet Communist Party and a number of its leaders are pro-Soviet.

Through such bodies, the Soviets hope to make it politically impossible for the West Europeans to adequately arm themselves no matter what their governments decide. How successful this Communist strategy will eventually be is a matter of conjecture.

It should always be remembered that at all times, the Soviet Union has the initiative, in that the threat comes from that country alone. The major imponderable as these lines were written was Poland. Will the Soviets invade that brave country and crush the Polish workers' bid for independence?



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In 1981, at least, NATO seems unlikely to be confronted by a Soviet invasion of Western Europe (which the Alliance is pledged to resist), but could well face an invasion of Poland (which is outside the Alliance's terms of reference). Bearing this in mind, here is a short West European scorecard:

Britain. If there is no crisis, agitation against the new weapons will continue and increase, but the Conservative government will stand firm and is theoretically in power until the spring of 1984. If the Soviets invade

Poland, the polarization of public opinion will deepen, but the pro-defense lobby will be strengthened.

West Germany. Even without a crisis, the present Social Democrat-Liberal coalition is going to be under increasing strain, with the new weapons as the main issue of contention. If Poland is invaded, however, the coalition could well break up, and a new, pro-U.S. coalition of Liberals and Christian Democrats could emerge.

Holland. The May elections produced a fragile situation. Again, the pro-Alliance forces would be strengthened by a Polish invasion crisis.

Belgium. The country is now deeply divided, both on ideological and on ethnic lines, with splits among the French-speaking Walloons and among the Dutch-speaking Flemings. Deployment of the new weapons seems unlikely, but a Polish crisis would strengthen the Alliance.

Italy. Another country in deep crisis though for different reasons, including corruption in high places and a massive wave of terrorism. The government's commitment to the new weapons would be endangered if the Socialists came to power. A Polish crisis, however, would split the powerful Communist Party as well as the Socialists.

France. Even though some of the new Ministers—notably M. Claude Cheysson, the Foreign Minister—are strongly anti-Soviet, the new political situation gives cause for deep concern. There is a strong Marxist element in the Socialist Party, and parliamentary dependence on the Communists is bound to weaken France's defense program. Here again, a Polish crisis would strengthen the pro-Alliance group and discredit the extreme left.

To summarize: the Alliance is currently going through the worst crisis in its history. The U.S. will need to stand firm and make maximum use of quiet diplomacy to strengthen the hand of European leaders who favor the Alliance, but are under pressure to opt out of the new weapons systems. On balance, however, a Soviet occupation of Poland would do more to restore the unity of the Alliance than anything else, by utterly discrediting those who wish to present the USSR as a peace-loving power. ■



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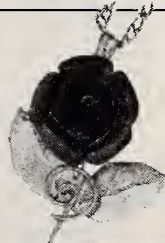
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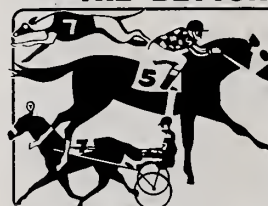
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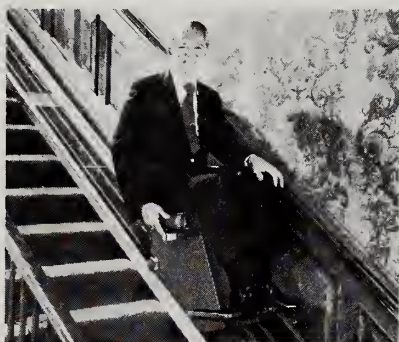
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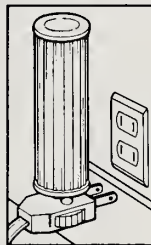
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The mother of a small boy had a Scotch-on-the-rocks as a nightcap one evening, then went upstairs to kiss Junior good-night. The child opened his eyes and said: "Mommy, you're wearing Daddy's perfume."

—MICHAEL FISK

News Time?

Those commentators on the air
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—F. G. KERNAN

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A used-car dealer, having made a quick sale earlier in the day, was alarmed to see the purchaser driving back into his yard.

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—CONNIE RENWICK

A gossip is someone who usually gets caught in his own mouthtrap.

—JUSTIN MORLEY

To The Point

"What did you do in school?" a mother asked her little boy when he returned from his first academic day.

"Nothing," the boy replied. "Some woman wanted to know how to spell 'cat' and I told her."

—DONNA DEMPSEY

Ours seems to be the only nation on earth that asks its teen-agers what to do about world affairs, and tells its golden-agers to go out and play.

—MATTHEW DANIEL

Let's face it, the American businessman is in a tight spot. Whenever he comes up with something new, the Russians invent it a month later and the Japanese make it cheaper.

—KATHY CONNOR

Forever Vocal

The lady lecturer was going strong. "For centuries women have been misjudged and mistreated," she thundered. "They have suffered in a thousand ways. Is there any way that women have not suffered?"

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—LOIS LARKEN

Love: a word consisting of two vowels, two consonants and two fools.

—GEORGE SAMUELS

Earthly Gramp

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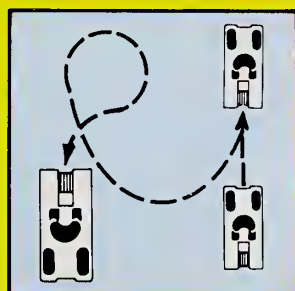
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